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"IF EVER AN ENEMY SETS FOOT ON OUR SHORES WE CAN BEAT HIM"—PREMIER

"Herr Hitler is in great need of doing something in the next few months. The defence of our beaches is complete all around the island. We have also a large army capable of moving at great speed and if ever an enemy sets foot on our shores we can beat him."

THESE REMARKS WERE MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, THE PREMIER, IN A SURVEY OF THE WAR SITUATION GIVEN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, ON THE EVE OF ITS CHRISTMAS RECESS, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

Mr. Churchill went on to refer to the British Army and said, "We must have an army on a large scale not only to defend this island but equipped and trained for other theatres of war. We are still only half-armed against a fully-armed German nation."

"IT TAKES THREE OR FOUR YEARS TO MAKE A COUNTRY FULLY ARMED AND WE ARE STILL ONLY IN THE SECOND YEAR. WE SHALL BE WELL ARMED IN 1941 AND TO THIS END THERE MUST BE GREATER EFFORTS IN OUR MUNITION FACTORIES AND PRODUCTION."

Situation Developing Favourably

ITALIANS HAVE NOT SHOWN HIGH QUALITY

"We cannot say that the Italians have shown a high fighting spirit or quality in this battle," said MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, Prime Minister, when he gave a few details of the British successes in the Western Desert to the House of Commons yesterday, states a London message.



Mr. Churchill looking ahead—to victory.

"At any rate," continued the Prime Minister, "we have seen the spectacle of a whole Italian division laying down its arms before a numerically inferior force."

Mr. Churchill began saying that he was not going to give any lengthy details of the immense battle in North Africa which was being fought with swiftly moving mechanised columns.

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PARCELS FOR H.K. LOST

The Postmaster-General stated in London yesterday that certain parcels and parcels posted in Britain for overseas between Sept. 18 and 27 are presumed to have been lost.

The overseas parcels were confined to China and Japan and the Philippines and parcels and letters for Hongkong.

Plenty Of Evidence Of German Penetration Into Italy

The reports which have been circulating that German troops are being concentrated at Turin, Naples, Bari and Taranto in large numbers are undoubtedly true. There is plenty of evidence of German military activity in Italy.

Some of the most convincing facts come from a neutral who left Italy a few days ago and who spent his time travelling through the country. Yesterday he told the DAILY MAIL what he saw.

He said that just before leaving Rome large numbers of German anti-aircraft gunners arrived in the Rome district accompanied by Nazi troops who were described as specialists or instructors.

The Italian public was not aware of this but an Italian officer who told the neutral about this did not hide his resentment and said that in his opinion it was the beginning of a German attempt to reduce the status of Italy from that of an ally to a vassal.

ITALIANS DISGUSTED

This neutral said that German officers in uniform are seen in the streets and their overbearing manner is disgusting the Italians.

It was only a week ago that a Swedish newspaper reported that Germany has claimed a colonial police force to go to Rome for further instruction. Their curriculum no doubt includes guidance of how to bring about in Africa that state of affairs which Herr Darre, the German Minister of Agriculture, recently described as Germany's aim.

Herr Darre told the sectional leaders of the Nazi Party that after the conquest of Yugoslavia, Rumania, Turkey and Greece, "our way is open to Africa. There we will adopt complete new methods."

"All land will be confiscated and distributed chiefly among the

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BRITISH FORCES BREAK THROUGH RING OF DEFENCES ROUND BARDIA: PRESSURE ON ENEMY MAINTAINED

British forces in North Africa are keeping up their pressure on the Italians and are reported to have broken through the ring of defences round Bardia, states a London message.

This Italian stronghold, the best fortified that the British have encountered, is much more than a town. For four or five miles outside Bardia, the ground is dotted with concrete pill-boxes, barbed wire and trenches.

It is this position that the British are now attacking and the general plan of attack is the same which served so successfully at Sidi Barrani.

THE BRITISH ARE SWEEPING THROUGH INSTEAD OF WAITING TO MOP UP EACH POST OF RESISTANCE AND ARMOURD UNITS ARE CIRCLING ROUND

This method has caused the Italians to retreat towards Tobruk and Derna, but safety does not lie that way, for British fighters have machine-gunned the retreating troops and British mechanised forces have swept on beyond Bardia.

Apparently Tobruk, 80 miles from Bardia, is not regarded by the Italians as a good place in which to put up a stand and British reconnaissance planes have seen them retreating to Derna, 100 miles from Tobruk. Derna, however, is well within the range

of the R.A.F., which have already attacked it very heavily.

In the last seven days, the British have shot down well over 100 planes, while the British losses are no more than five machines.

ANOTHER BLOW

Away to the south-east, in Sollum, the capture of Ilwaki is another blow to the enemy. There was very little fighting here and the Italian commander fled in a mule cart when he heard that the British were coming.

Some of the Italian troops tried to continue their resistance, but after the flight of their commander they lost courage and surrendered. Fifty Italians were killed in this fighting and 120 taken prisoners. The British destroyed tanks and burned the buildings.

People in London are still discussing the reasons for the swift African success of the British forces, states a London message. The explanation, according to the DAILY HERALD, is "that the operations were well planned and the troops well trained and equipped."

WILD PROPOSALS

For sixteen months, states the Daily Herald, arm-chair critics

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Valour And Devotion To The Cause

HEAR NO MORE OF WHAT IS ARMED FORCE

"Our forces have outthought the enemy at every turn because of their valour and their devotion to the cause for which they are fighting," said MR. ANTHONY EDEN, Secretary for War, in a speech in London yesterday, according to a London message.



MR. ANTHONY EDEN

Mr. Eden stated that with full equipment and training there were no troops anywhere in the world superior to those of the British Commonwealth, and he was glad to say that production was going on satisfactorily.

"I hope we shall hear no more of the question 'What is the Army doing?'" said Mr. Eden.

"The answer is that the Army is learning its job and the African war has shown the result of a long period of training. The Army now in Britain is the greatest we have ever had in this country."

Active Steps Already Taken To Aid Britain On The Line Indicated By President Roosevelt

Reports from the United States suggest that active steps have already been taken to help Britain on the line indicated by President Roosevelt, states a London message.

The Washington correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES states that Mr. Roosevelt assured Sir Frederick Phillips, Third Secretary to the British Treasury, that Britain can place her orders in the United States without worrying about dollar payment. This report is not confirmed.



Mr. Roosevelt, however, is reported to have conferred with his Ministers about the speed-up of armament production and a new council has been appointed to deal with the production of arms.

The Press of Britain welcomes the new munitions programme.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH says: "We don't need American manpower or American money as such. The only thing we need is the utmost flow of materials of war and we would ask America to lend this productive power. In this way the United States will not only be fortifying her first line of defence but will be making an invaluable addition to her own armament."

The Washington correspondent of the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE reports that America has arranged to buy 30 or 40 Danish vessels which are now tied up in the United States and these will be leased to Britain and that others will follow.

CONSIDERING PROPOSAL

Officials in Washington are said to be considering this proposal and also a plan to place at the disposal of Britain several American cargo-boats.

Another report states that British shipping firms have bought 16 cargo-boats, totalling 160,000 tons, from the United States Maritime Commission.

"The President has defined accurately the essential goal of American policy in the present crisis," says the NEW YORK TIMES, according to Reuters.

"That goal is the possible and complete assurance that never in any circumstances or for any cause will there be a cessation of that steady flow to Britain."

Nurses For Shelters

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuters).—Following on Lord Horder's report, it has been decided that nurses as well as doctors must be available in all large London shelters.

Already about 100 fully trained state-registered nurses have been allocated to various boroughs.

More nurses, either trained or auxiliary, have been supplied locally and the total available for shelter work is now over 300.

Today's Summary Of The War News

SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER, Mr. Winston Churchill, said he had every reason to believe that the fighting in North Africa was developing favourably. British troops were now attacking the town of Bardia with strong and increasing forces. He did not consider the operations were at an end and said that reactions to the campaign would enable us to take bolder steps elsewhere.

THE GREEKS HAVE CAPTURED A HEIGHT DOMINATING THE TOWN OF KLISURA, ten miles east of Tepelini, after advancing through precipitous gorges. Further Greek advance is being made in the northern part of Nemera range. In a speech to Greek agriculturists, General Metaxas, Prime Minister, confidently declared that the war in Albania would end in the complete defeat of the Italians.

IN A SPEECH AT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN SOCIETY FAREWELL LUNCHEON to Admiral Nomura, new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo, beseeched his American friends to think twice, thrice, nay a hundred or a thousand times, before they took a leap that might prove fatal to all humanity. He warned that Japan would remain loyal to her Axis allies.

THOUGH REPORTS OF GERMAN CONCENTRATIONS IN NAPLES AND OTHER ITALIAN towns are unconfirmed there is plenty of evidence of Nazi penetration into Italy and the strengthening of the Nazi grip on Italy. German officers are to be seen walking on the streets, according to a neutral.

The Postulant, with his supporters, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., J.P., Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

\$1,500 PAID FOR PUMPERNICKEL AT PUBLIC ROUP

PUMPERNICKEL, winner and placed many times at the Valley fetched the highest price at the public roup held at the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables yesterday.

Opening at \$200, brisk bidding boosted the price to \$1,500, the offer of Mr. T. L. Tseng and this proved to be the final offer.

The only other pony that went for four figures was Attacking Time, which was sold to Mr. Y. T. Hsu.

The following were the ponies sold with name of the purchaser and price paid in brackets:—

Southern Star, 1939 Australian pony (V. V. Needa, \$5); Grand Alligator, by Grand Alliance, 1940 Australian pony (B. Agafuroff, \$145); Royal Highness, 1936 Griffin (S. L. Yuen, \$155); Kut Chedung, 1939 Sub. Griffin (V. V. Needa, \$25); Princess Clara, 1940 Australian pony (Lo Kwong-to, \$250); Matoro, 1939 Sub. Griffin (L. B. Chao, \$80); Laughing Girl, 1936 Griffin (V. V. Needa, \$90); King's Envoy, 1939 Sub. Griffin (S. W. Lee, \$140); National Honour, 1939 Sub. Griffin (V. V. Needa, \$55); Pall Mall, 1939 Sub. Griffin (W. H. S. Davies, \$85); Fel Ying, 1938 Sub. Griffin (V. V. Needa, \$25); Lancashire Lass, 1938 Griffin (Y. T. Hsu, \$450); Violet Queen, 1936 Australian pony (T. C. Yuen, \$105); Lancashire Boy, 1938 Griffin (V. V. Needa, \$10); Willynilly, 1939 Sub. Griffin (R. K. C. Chiu, \$110); Spring Shine, by Magnesia, 1940 Australian pony (T. W. Li, \$720); Attacking Time, 1940 Griffin (Y. T. Hsu, \$1,000); Commencement Bay, 1937 Griffin (Sheun Cheung Fook, \$35); Good Morning, 1937 Griffin (W. H. S. Davies, \$95); Pumelo, by Comanche, 1940 Australian pony (T. L. Tseng, \$140); Pumpernickel, by Kawackka, 1939 Australian pony (T. L. Tseng, \$1,500); Half Moon Eve, 1938 Griffin (Sheun Cheung Fook, \$150); Ajax, by Lamond, 1939 Australian pony (C. L. Gregory, \$300); Gold Coin, 1935 Griffin (T. L. Tseng, \$100); Nancy Lee, Australian pony (F. A. Sutton, \$255).

WITHDRAWN

The following ponies were withdrawn:—
Geordie, 1939 Sub. Griffin; King Kong, 1939 Sub. Griffin; A Great Time, by Rizzo, 1937 Australian pony; Just In Time, 1938 Griffin; Red Feather, 1937 Griffin; Smiling Time, 1939 Sub. Griffin; Expression Time, China pony; English Cavalier, 1939 Griffin; Blue Express, 1939 Griffin; Rose Perfect, 1940 Griffin; 1941 Australian Subscription pony No. 27 by Listwell.

HOCKEY REFEREES' ASSN. MEETING

All members of the Hockey Referees' Association are requested to attend a meeting, to be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. today.

TOURNAMENT MATCHES

The following are the official fixtures of the Hockey Tournament games on Sunday:—

Gunboat v. A. N. Other XI (Navy ground, 11.30 a.m.).
Umpires: K. Hussain and T. A. Tyai.

5th A.A. v. Police "A" (Lyemum, 11.30 a.m.).
Umpires: W. Wathen and G. Gorman.

Royal Engineers v. Recreio (Sookunpoo, 11 a.m.).
Umpires: Wellington and E. Vasco.

Khalsa v. No. 2 M.T.B. (Police ground, 10 a.m.).
Umpires: D. Smith and Capt. Martin.

University v. C. British Association (Fokfulam, 4 p.m.).
Umpires: E. Vasco and J. T. Gilchrist.

Punjab Regiment v. Destroyers (Marina ground, 2.30 p.m.).
Umpires: Lt. Perrie and L. Coombe.

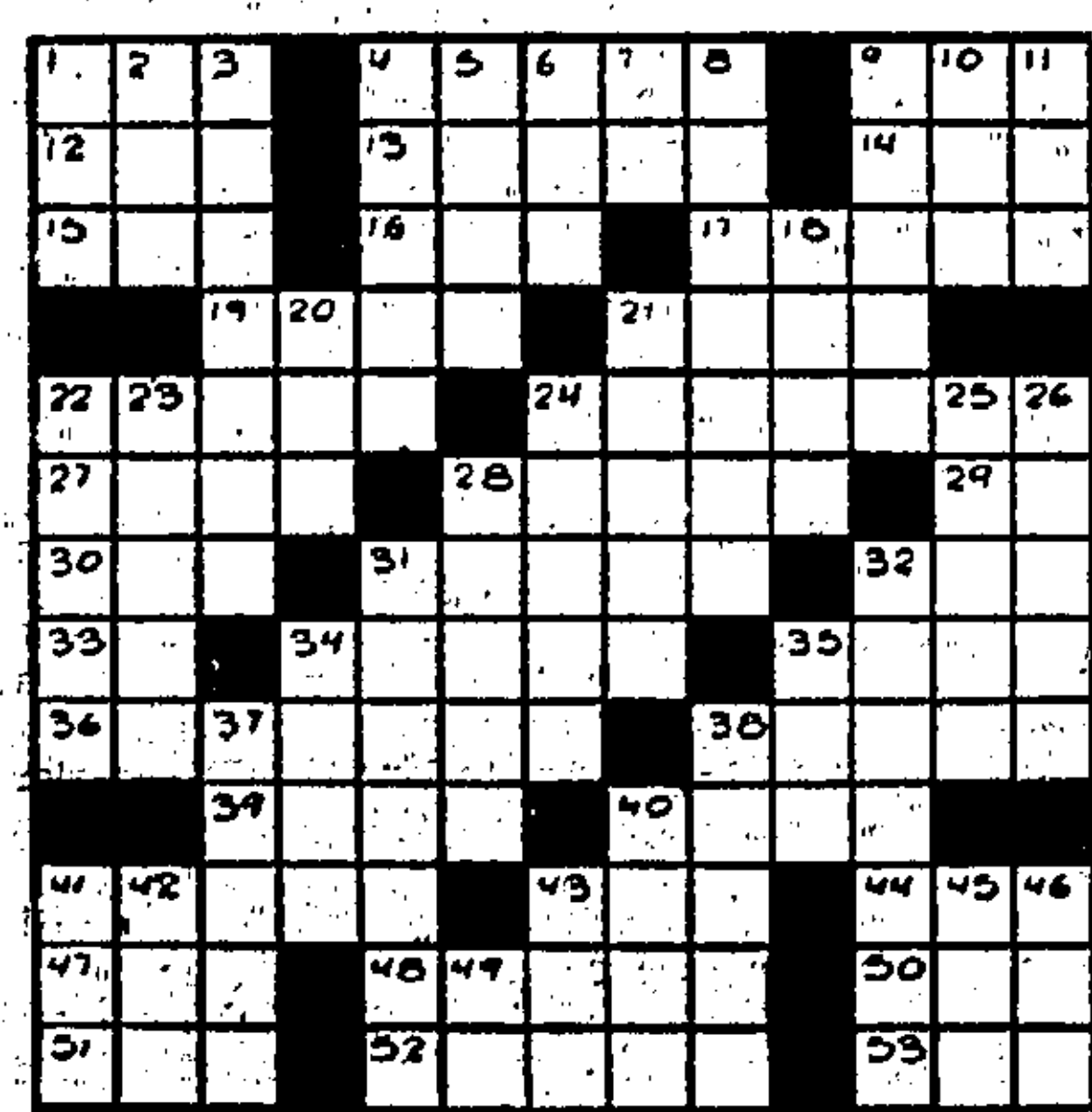
R. Signals v. Police "B" (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.).
Umpires: L. Saxby and V. Bridle.

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- To bleat as a sheep
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 - Large serpent
 - Exist
 - Wall across a watercourse
 - Insect egg
 - Ship's poles
 - Drive out
 - Saucy
 - Virtue
 - Artificial reservoir
 - English historical painter
 - Garden implements
 - Sloth
 - Anglo-Saxon money of account
 - Czechoslovak statesman
 - Insect
 - Therefore
 - Vegetables
 - Run away
 - Enlists
 - Temperate
 - Misfortunes
 - Father
 - Stringed musical instrument
 - Hawaiian
 - fool
 - Gain as clear profit
 - Metre



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- measure of area
 - Vertebral
 - Wrath
 - Married
 - Satisfies
 - Help
 - Evil
 - Constellation
 - Pungent
 - gaseous compound
 - Mower
 - Death notice
 - Parcel of land
 - Part of "to be"
 - Egyptian monarch
 - Adhesive mixture
 - Fragment
 - Football part
 - Divisions of learning
 - Rubber tree
 - Sharp points
 - Animal
 - Protective garment
 - Jargons
 - Hindu queen
 - Saltpetre
 - Lively dances
 - Roars
 - Balkan State
 - Pod of a plant
 - Dandy
 - Verred
 - Embarks
 - Opening in the skin
 - Call of the crow
 - Sooner than
 - Cooking utensil
 - Silkworm
 - Spread for drying
 - Exclamation

SOLUTION TOMORROW

Entries For S.C.A.A. Track Meet

The eighteenth annual track and field meet of the South China Athletic Association will be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday. There are 142 entries and 18 events. The open men's 10,000 metres will be the attraction of the day. Following are the complete entries:—

OPEN EVENTS

10,000 Metres:—L/Cpl. Taylor, Lewis, Maik Lankha Singh, Myles, J. Corrigan, Wilson, Joginder Singh, Noda Singh, Harbhans Singh, Cpl. D. Cole, Lee Yuk-foon, Leung Nai-yik, Young Wah-sing, Lam Kim-fan, Chan Chu-wai, So Wai-man, Choi You-chuen, Chi Rak-wing, To Su-yee, So Pak-sing, Lee Ki-ild, Leung Yon-shun, Hong Kit-sang and Choi Won-kwong.

Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):—Wah Yan College (H.K.), Ling Nam University, King's College, R.A.S.C. and Police Training School.

Men's 1,600 Metres Relay (Team of four):—Wah Yan College (H.K.), H.K. and Kowloon Residents' Union "A", H.K. and Kowloon Residents' Union "B", King's College and 36th Heavy Battery, R.A.

Men's 400 Metres Relay (Under five feet. Team of four):—Wah Yan College (H.K.) and King's College.

Ladies' 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):—French Convent and South China Athletic Association.

MEMBERS' EVENTS

100 Metres:—Tam Hoi-chuen, Cheng Kwan-man, Lo Chee-to, Yee Kai-yin, Sin Kwok-pang and Au Se-pang.

200 Metres:—Tam Hoi-chuen, Cheng Kwan-man, Lo Chee-to and Au Se-pang.

400 Metres:—Ho Yik-siu, Tam Hoi-chuen, Long Kai-ming, Wong Siu-chuen, Cheung Kit-pul, Cheung Chok, Tam Kwong-ka, Sin Kwok-ping and Au Se-ping.

800 Metres:—Lai Pang-yuen, Ho Yik-siu, Long Kai-ming, Wong Siu-chuen, Cheung Kit-pul, Chan Chu-wai and Cheung Chow.

1,500 Metres:—Lai Ping-yuen, Ho Yik-siu, Wong Siu-chuen, Lam Kin-fan, Chan Chu-wai, Tam Kwan-ka.

110 Metres Hurdles:—Chu Fook-sing, Cheung Tung-hoi, Wong Ki-lam and Liu Kwan-cheun.

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Throwing Discus:—Chu Fook-sing and Yee Kai-yin.

High Jump:—Chu Fook-sing, Cheng Cho-soon, Lo Chu-to and Fung Chi-hung.

Long Jump:—Chu Fook-sing, Cheng Cho-soon, Cheung Tung-hoi, Cheng Kwan-man and Wong Kai-lam.

Pole Vault:—Chu Fook-sing, Tam Hoi-chuen, Kwan Kam-pul and Fong Chi-hung.

Throwing Javelin:—Chu Fook-sing, Kwan Kam-pul, Cheung Tung-hoi and Fong Chi-hung.

Step-Hop-Jump:—Chu Fook-sing, Tam Hoi-chuen and Cheung Tung-hoi.

INTER-SCHOOL PHYSICAL TRAINING COMPETITION

Thirteen Kowloon Chinese schools took part yesterday morning in the annual Kowloon Chinese Schools' Physical Training Competition at the Kowloon Football Club ground.

The judges were Mr. I. B. Wan, Chinese Inspector of Schools, Miss S. M. Swift, Gymnastic and Games Mistress, Education Department, and Mr. C. M. McEwan, Physical Training Supervisor, Education Department.

The schools taking part were the Ling Tung School, Tak Ming School, Kowloon Tong School, China Boys' School, Chi Sing School, Yau Chi School, Chi Sing Lam Branch School, Kowloon Tsim Lam Branch School, Kowloon Tsim Woo School, Lok Shin Tong School, Yuen Tung School, Ming Tak Girls' School, and Tak Tung Girls' School.

The winners of the competition and winners of certificate of merit awards will be announced today when the Hongkong Chinese Schools will hold their competition at the Hongkong Football Club.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will be present at the final at 11.30 a.m.

MEMBERS OF U.S. NAVY TAKE PART IN H.K.R.A. MID-WEEK SHOOT

The Hongkong Rifle Association held their Mid-December Rifle Meeting yesterday in brilliant sunshine on the Kowloon Ranges. A good attendance of 32 members resulted in keen competition, and shooting was still in progress up till 5.30 p.m.

The Association was very pleased to welcome members of the U.S. Navy from U.S.S. Tulsa who took a very keen interest in the meeting, and a small spoon prize was awarded for a competition between themselves, which was eventually won by C.Q.M. F. Eskew with the high score of 88. Shooting took place at 300, 500 and 600 yards and although the light had faded badly by the time the last detail fired at 600 yards some very good aggregate scores were obtained.

All trophies were awarded by the H.K.R.A. and the successful winners with other competitions are as detailed below.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 5 and all prizes and arrangements are very kindly being given by the Royal Scots Affiliated Rifle Club.

SPoon WINNERS

Winners were as follows:—

Class "A" Net Net Spoon:—Sgt. M. F. Rushman, R.M.

Class "B" Net Net Spoon:—L/Cpl. G. Pemberton, R.E.; Handicap Spoon:—L/Cpl. E. W. Alld, R.E.

Class "C" Net Net Spoon:—Sgt. G. G. Clarke, H.K.P.

Class "D" Net Net Spoon:—F/O. H. B. Gray, R.A.F.

Revolver Spoon:—P.C. Charan Singh, H.K.P.

LEADING SCORES

Leading scores were as follows:—

CLASS "A"
Sgt. M. F. Rushman 5 23 30 29 82
L/Cpl. A. G. Martin 5 23 30 24 80
Sgt. R. A. S. 5 23 30 27 85

CLASS "B"
L/Cpl. G. Pemberton 4 31 30 27 88
L/Cpl. E. W. Alld 5 27 31 27 85

CLASS "C"
Sgt. G. G. Clarke 8 28 28 27 81
Pte. W. T. Taylor 8 20 28 27 75
Cpl. F. W. Farnes 5 24 29 22 75
Capt. C. H. R. Hyde 8 28 30 14 72
Cpl. H. Henley 8 20 25 24 70
Cpl. G. S. Lochrie 9 21 24 24 69
Mr. H. J. S. Blake 9 22 26 21 69
Pte. E. Thornton 10 18 28 22 69
Sgt. (R) C. Wong 9 28 22 13 63
Pte. R. H. Johnston 11 25 21 15 61
Sgt. (R) K. C. Roo 10 18 26 16 60

CLASS "D"
P/O H. B. Gray 12 25 28 12 65
P/O C. J. Manson 13 22 28 12 60
Cpl. F. M. Hemsley 13 20 23 14 59
L.A.C. Callaghan 14 17 24 17 58
Pte. A. Lin 12 20 19 18 57
L.A.C. G. Taylor 14 20 25 12 57
Pte. T. Lock 12 22 24 10 56

Winner of Net Net Spoons and Handicap Spoons will have his Handicap reduced by a point.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BILLIARDS.—Garrison League. Service Corps v. G. Military Police; Pay Corps v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A.; Corps of Signals v. 12th Heavy Regt. R.A.; Medical Corps v. Fortress Coy. R.E.; Royal Scots v. Ordnance Corps.

MEETING.—At 11 a.m., of Royal Hongkong Golf Club, at Jardine Matheson's Office, 5.15 p.m.

TOMORROW
BILLIARDS.—Soldiers' Club Tournament. "A" Coy. Royal Scots v. Pay Corps.

CRICKET.—Senior friends, Redelo v. Army; Craigengower v. Indian R.C.; University v. Civil Service; Junior friends, Army v. Recreio; Indian R.C. v. Craigengower; Civil Service v. University; Kowloon v. Police.

FOOTBALL.—First Division: Eastern v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill); St. Joseph's v. Royal Scots (St. Joseph's); Kwong Wah v. Kowloon (Boundary Street); Club v. Navy (Club); 4 p.m. Second Division: Ordnance v. Sing Tao

(Military). 2.30 p.m. Navy v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's); 2.30 p.m. South China v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill); 2.30 p.m. Kwong Wah v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street); 2.30 p.m. Club v. Service Corps (Club); 2.30 p.m. Third Division: Signals v. Air Force (Chatham Road); 4 p.m. 38th R.A. v. International (Sookunpoo); 2.30 p.m. 7th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Military) 4 p.m. Engineers v. 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo); 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
FOOTBALL.—Charity Matches. Combined Chinese "A" v. Rest "A" (Causeway Bay), 4 p.m.; Combined Chinese "B" v. Rest "B" (Causeway Bay), 2.30 p.m.; Second Division: Kit Chee v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.; Police v. Engineers (Boundary Street), 4 p.m.; Third Division: 24th R.A. v. Medicals (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.; Service Corps v. Shell (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.; A.S.A. v. 36th R.A. (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.

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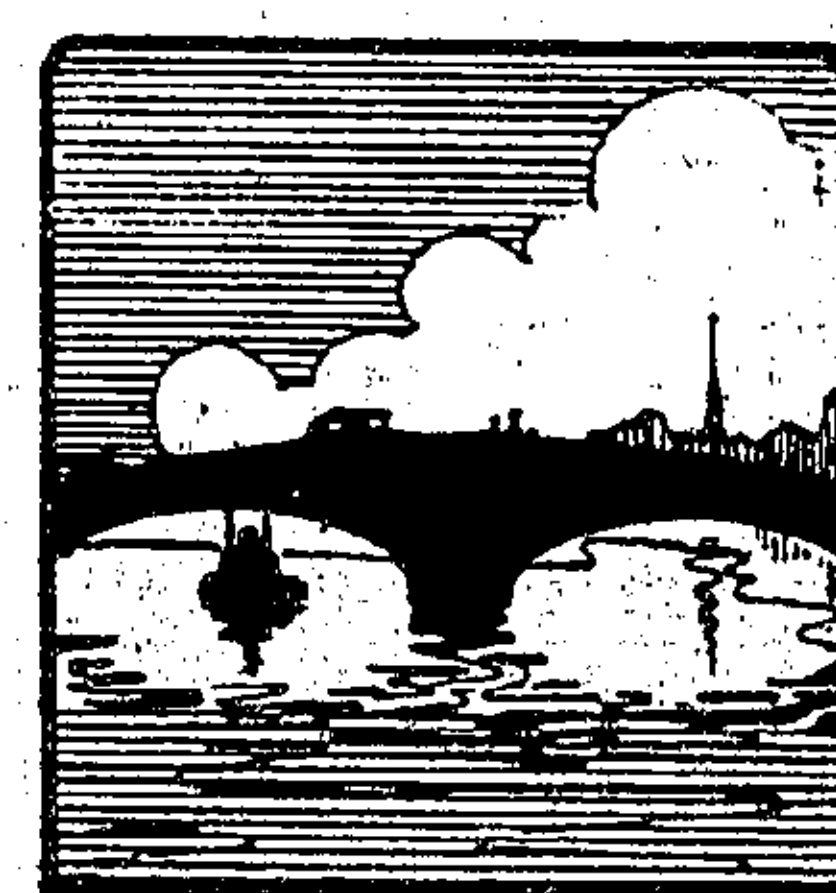
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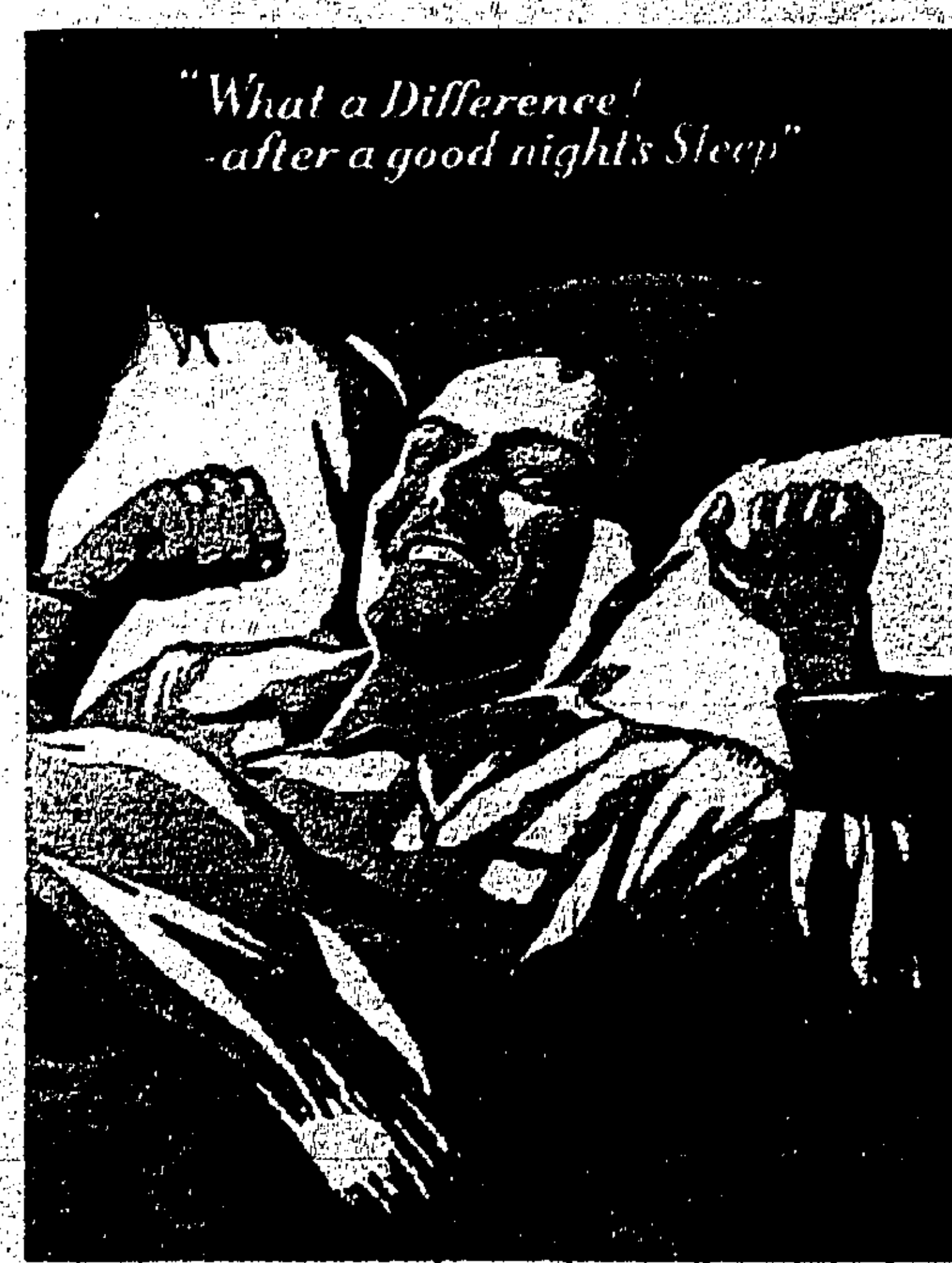
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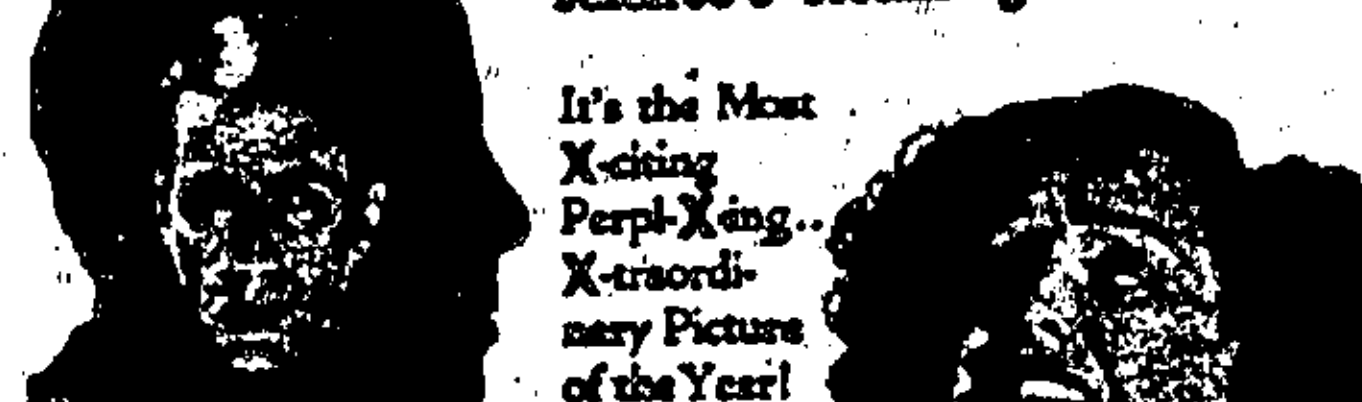
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Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Annual Meeting (Jardine Matheson's Office).

5.15 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, Dinner and Smoking Concert, China Fleet Club Theatre, 7.45 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.).

Govt. House, 3 a.m.—12 noon.

Inter-School Physical Training Competition, Hongkong Football Club ground, 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club, Darts and Table Tennis.

Compulsory Service Tribunal, 4 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, D.O., South, 11 a.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on First Aid Volunteer Bats, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.

Dance for Seafarers at Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, 9 p.m.

Annual Gift Day in Aid of Salvation Army Home for Women & Girls.

Exposition of Chinese Calligraphy, Ping Ping Shan Library, 10 a.m.—9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 3 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club — Annual Christmas Draw.

Charity Bazaar, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chinese Art Exhibition, Hotel Cecil, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

21—Tides: High 12.40 a.m. and 3.06 p.m. Low 8.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

Central British Assn. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, St. George's Building, 12 noon.

Claims against estate of Wong Yee due.

Inspection of Air Raid Warden by H.E. the Acting Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Government-Trained Teachers' Union Supper Dance, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

H.K. University Union, Annual Gymnastic and Drill Display, 9 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Smoking Concert, Gloucester Hotel, 8.15 p.m.

Wah Yan College, Annual Prize Giving, 6.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Hockey, 3 and 4.30 p.m.; Swimming, Tennis.

22—Tides: High 1.55 a.m. and 4 p.m. Low 9.05 a.m. and 9.28 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championship, Final.

Chinese Products' Exhibition, Kowloon.

Charity football, 2.30 and 4 p.m. (Causeway Bay).

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

XMAS Card, Tennis, Swimming.

Christmas Concert, Univ. Great Hall, 9 p.m.

9 p.m.

23—Tides: High 1.24 a.m. and 4.53 p.m. Low 10 a.m. and 11.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.).

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carnival Party.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.; Swimming.

24—Tides: High 5 a.m. and 5.42 p.m. Low 10.53 a.m.

Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Eve.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Claims against estate of Pihlo Tinoco and Wong Cheuk-ling due.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton, Mixed Swimming, Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Low 12.43 a.m. and 11.45 a.m.

Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Day.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Scotland v. China (Boundary St.).

26—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.40 a.m. and 12.32 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.

Boxing Day.

Kwong Race Meeting.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Portugal v. England (Kowloon F.C.).

Charity Softball, K.P.C., 10.30 a.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.; Swimming; Chess Night, 8 p.m.

27—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 8.05 p.m. Low 2.25 a.m. and 1.18 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.

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Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

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12.30 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestra-Mascotte.

Tidings of Spring — Waltz (Eberle);

Value Basque (Wittmann)—Orchestra-Mascotte.

Mol' J'Grache Dans L'Eau (Tranchant); Tourne Et Vire (Tranchant); Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with

Orch. Hologoblin's Review (Noack);

Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel);

Orchestra-Mascotte. En Se Regardant

(Delestra); Lucienne Boyer (Vocal)

with Orch. Amphitryon—Waltz (Amberg and Others); You Will Never

Know—Waltz (Berber)—Orchestra-Mascotte.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.45 Dance Music by the B.B.C. Orchestra.

Fox-Trot — I Wanna Woo; Variety

Novelty—Boris on the Bass. Fox-Trot

—Alone at a Table for Two; Waltz—

Lovely Lady (Glen King of Burlesque);

Fox-Trot—Thank You, Mister

Each; Song Without Words (from

Four Studies in Dance Music); Comed-

dy Fox-Trot — In Nuts On Scenery

Musie; I Laughed So Hard I Nearly

Died. Fox-Trot—Cling to Me.

1.50 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

If You Only Knew, Intro: Haven of Your Heart (from Crest of the Wave);

Novello; Halfway to Heaven (film

The Street Singers)—Albert Sandler

and His Orchestra. When You're

Away (Blossom and Herbert); Thine

Alone (Blossom and Herbert)—Charles

Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra.

With You (film—Brief Ecstasy)—Al-

bert Sandler and His Orch. Dusty

Violin (Vernon and Brocke); Albert

Sandler Trio with Marjorie

Stedford (Vocal). Vale d'Arcy and

Russell)—Charles Kullman (Tenor)

with Orch. and His Orchestra. Waltzes from

Theatre-Land—Intro: Love Will Find a Way; Just for a While; Glamorous

Night—Albert Sandler and His Or-

chestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Musical Comedy Selections.

No More (from C. B. Cochran's

Revue, "Home and Beauty")—Gitta Al-

par (Soprano) with Orchestra.

"Mother of Pearl"—Selection (O-

Straus)—New Mayfair Orch. "Follow

A Star"—Vocal Gems (Ellis)—Light

Opera Company with Orchestra. "The

Desert Song"—Selection (Rombert);

Savoy Orpheans.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Dance Music by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Or-

chestra.

Fox-Trot — Sunset in Vienna (from the film); Quickstep — You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere.

Tango—Lonely Troubadour; Rumba—

When Bomba Plays a Rumba. Waltz —

The Sweetest Song in the World (film "We're going to be rich"); Fox-

Trot—Music, Maestro, Please (from

These Foolish Things); Slow Fox-

Trot — My Heart Will Never Sing

Again. Fox-Trot—I Can't Remember

Her Name; Waltz—It's Better to Have

Loved and Lost.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Variety Programme.

Accordeon Band—"Carry On" Mel-

dies—Primo Scala's Accordeon Band

with Vocal. Vocal—Did I Remember (film "Suzy"); Ring Down the Curtain

(Hilda and Others) — Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Comedian — There

Never Was a Girl Like Mary (from

"The Town Talks") — Arthur Riscoe

with Orchestra. Vocal Duet — You

Have That Extra Something (from

"The Town Talks") — Phyllis Stanley &

Arthur Riscoe with Orchestra.

— Rumba Acrobatic — Azarola;

Humorous Monologue—Runcorn Perry

(Edgar)—Stanley Holloway. Vocal —

Do You Remember My First Love

Song (film "Queen of Hearts")—Gracie

Fields with Orchestra. Humorous —

What! The Old Blue Penicill? Yer

Can't 'Eip Laughin'—Jack Blue Pen-

cill) Warner with Orchestra. Orch.

Organ and Vocal — Shirley Temple

Memories—Anton and the Paramount

Theatre Orchestra. Al Bollington at

the Organ & Vocal by Baby Terry.

Comedian—Fat Flat Fish (Sarony);

The Empire Party Song (Sarony);

Leslie Sarony with Orchestra. Vocal —

Three Little Fishies (Dowell); Straw-

berry Fair (Engram) — The Mills

Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).

9.00 London Relay—The News and

News Commentary.

9.30 Studio — Talk by Dr. D. J.

Sloss on The Eastern Group Confer-

ence.

9.45 A Request Classical Programme.

A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass &

Organ) (Purcell)—Sir Hamilton Party

conducting the Halls Orchestra Solo

Trumpet; Alex. Farris. Organist:

Harold Dawber. Passing By (Henric &

purell); The Gentle Maiden (Som-

ervell); Dennis Noble (Baritone) with

Orchestra. Wedding Day (Grieg);

Arthur De Greef (Piano). Overture

"William Tell" (Rossini)—Boston Pro-

menade Orchestra cond. by Arthur

Fiedler. Berceuse De Jocelyn (Godard

and Others)—Tino Rossi (Tenor) Or-

chestra. Concerto No. 1 in C Minor,

Op. 26 (Max Bruch)—1st Mov. Allegro

moderato; 2nd Mov. Adagio; 3rd Mov.

Finale — Allegro energico — Yehudi

Menuhin (Violin) and the London

Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir

Landon Ronald. Your Tiny Hand Is

Frozen (La Boheme) — Puccini —

Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Or-

chestra "La Traviata" (Verdi). Pre-

lude Act 1—Milan Symphony Orch.

"The Magic Flute" — Overture (Mo-

zart)—Philharmonic Orchestra cond.

by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 Close down.

BRITISH TROOPS WELL ESTABLISHED INSIDE ITALIAN LIBYA

BRILLIANT PATROL PAVED THE WAY FOR DECISIVE VICTORY

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Reuter's special correspondent writes that 10 days after the start of Britain's desert offensive, British troops are well established inside Italian Libya.

I have been touring a dusty desert outpost where the army's front line administration is carried out in camouflaged tents flapping in the wind, travel-stained radio lorries or new dugouts which until recently were the pride of the Italian Army.

Brilliant patrol and other military intelligence work contributed to the British victory. For instance, it was owing to the fact that a patrol had previously at great risk located mines outside the camp of Nibelwa that Indian infantry was able to assist the tanks assaulting it without greater loss of life.

CAREFUL PLANNING

Careful planning of the whole campaign was supplemented at the right moment by dash and initiative on the field of action.

After taking Sidi Barrani, the commanders on the spot took a swift view and made their decisions in a manner which would have horrified old-time conventional generals but which obviously had the full blessing of General Sir Archibald Wavell. Instead of waiting to mop up each point of resistance, our armoured forces crashed right through in great encircling movements on the theory that a demoralised and surprised enemy force, knowing itself cut off and subjected to continual bombings, could safely be left to surrender.

These tactics were used for Sollum and a number of desert forts.

INTERESTING DISCLOSURES

Interesting discoveries were made regarding Italian Army methods. The Italians seem to be very short of metals but show considerable talent for rapid road-making, organising hospitals and foodstores. Huge water supplies are efficiently stored at Bugbug.

Their intelligence service is good and their organisation is carefully thought out.

It was only when they came to close quarters with the British

troops that they broke, and once the spirit of surrender began among them it spread like a disease.

As one British officer expressed it, "the Italian Army would make an excellent supply column for another army doing the actual fighting."

TANK SUPERIORITY

Moreover, Italian tanks lost all battles with British tanks partly owing to the dashing spirit of our tank commanders and crews and partly owing to the fact, in some cases, of superior armament.

Many Italian tanks have "Achilles heel" in their rear, where the armament is weakest, and this was quickly discovered by our tanks which repeatedly outflanked the Italians and shot them up from the back.

But in the last analysis, the reason for the British victory undoubtedly was the simple fact that British and Empire troops knew what they were fighting for while the Italians did not.

ISOLATION OF BARDIA

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The information that Italian formations are retreating towards Derna is interesting inasmuch as Derna is about 100 miles west of Tobruk, which itself is 60 miles west of Bardia.

It seems, therefore, that the Italians are retreating about 160 miles from Bardia, which is now the scene of the main fighting on land.

The object of the present operations seems to be to isolate Bardia and then to mop it up in the way that was so successful in the cases of Sidi Barrani and Sollum. This would very neatly round off the operations which began at Sidi Barrani.

LABOUR IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The French Government has no power to control French labour in German occupied parts of France and there is good reason to believe that factory workers there are being forced to work for German war requirements.

This information was given yesterday by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R.A. Butler, in reply to a Parliamentary question.

Mr. Butler added: "It may well be that some workers have been removed to Germany for that purpose. As far as the British Government knows there is no conclusive evidence to show that factories in unoccupied France are being used for the repair of German aircraft. This matter is not covered by the Franco-German armistice."

GERMANS EMBARRASSED BY R.A.F.

Remarkable Measures To Conceal Damage

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Hitler and Nazi officials who have repeatedly boasted that no enemy bomber would ever penetrate German skies are embarrassed by the success of the R.A.F. raids.

Remarkable measures are taken to conceal the extent of the damage which is cleared with the utmost speed. If this is impossible before the people leave the shelters, then hoardings are erected so that the extent of the damage cannot be seen.

It is stated that 850,000 children have been evacuated from Berlin, Hamburg and the Ruhr to southern and eastern Germany. There is also much unofficial evacuation and there are reports consequently of serious overcrowding in Vienna through the evacuees.

A.R.P. REGULATIONS
A.R.P. regulations are stated to be extremely severe. People must take shelter as soon as the warning sounds and those hurt in their own rooms get no compensation.

Germans much resent getting out of bed and going to shelters which are lacking in heating arrangements. According to evidence available in London, the discomfort and harsh regulations are having a greater effect on German morale than the fear of bombing.

THAI AIRCRAFT RAID CAMBODIA

Bangkok Allegation Against Hanoi

BANGKOK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Thai Air Force has bombed seven towns in North Indo-China in retaliation for French attacks, according to a communiqué issued by the Thai High Command.

Bangkok Radio claims that three important towns in the province of Cambodia have been bombed "out of recognition."

Admitting that fighting between Thailand and Indo-China border troops continued, the High Command in Thailand, in a communiqué, has charged French planes with bombing open towns indiscriminately, according to a semi-official Japanese report from Bangkok received in Tokyo.

The communiqué charged that French planes on Dec. 18 dropped bombs over Sakankhan, killing eight persons and also over Udorn, killing one and injuring many others, despite the fact that both towns are known to be open towns and defenceless against aerial attacks.

AXIS MACHINATION IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, speaking at the Colombia University, said that the dictators proposed to cripple the United States by sabotage, propaganda and sowing suspicion between the United States and Latin America.

Survivors Tell Of Sinking Of The Western Prince: Captain's Farewell

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Hon. Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions, whose fate was for some time in doubt after the sinking by a Nazi submarine in the Atlantic of the liner Western Prince on which he was a passenger, has landed at a west coast port with 22 other passengers and 99 members of the crews of the liner.

Other survivors of the Canadian Government Mission include Mr. E. P. Taylor (Director-General of Munitions Production) and Colonel W. C. Woodburn (Executive Assistant to the Ministry).

The Hon. Mr. Gordon W. Scott, Financial Adviser to Mr. Howe's department, lost his life.

The Captain of the Western Prince is also lost.

Mr. Howe, in an interview, said: "We heard the Captain give three hoots on the siren in token of farewell."

The Captain's steward, named Franks, lost his life when he went back to the liner to collect Spitfire Fund money amounting to about \$100 collected by the crew.

LOSS TO CANADA

Mr. Howe said that Mr. Scott was in the sixth hour.

Those who saw him said that he was crushed against the ship's side and temporarily relaxed his grip of the rope, after which he disappeared in the darkness.

Howe described his death as a great loss to Canada. He said that they had stayed up until midnight to see "Friday the 13th" safely out, and he was in bed when the ship was hit.

Before the ship sank, the U-boat took flashlight photographs of the liner.

SEAMEN PRAISED

Mr. Howe added that it was due to the magnificent seamanship of Captain Reid in getting lifeboats away in the dangerous seas and to the skill of the captain of the rescuing ship, that the casualty list was so light.

The crews of both ships behaved marvelously and the passengers' behaviour was grand. There was not a trace of panic.

Explaining why his party was perhaps more comfortably dressed than the other rescued passengers, Mr. Howe said that their womenfolk made them take a small case containing lumbermen's trousers, jersey, overboots and a torch in case they were torpedoed and these cases were the only things they had time to grab when rushed from sleep.

WENT DOWN WITH SHIP

How Captain Reid, commanding the Western Prince, went down with his ship although he could easily have saved his life after the liner was torpedoed, was told by the Chief Engineer.

The Chief Engineer said that when he got the signal "Abandon Ship," he found Captain Reid by a life-boat. Urged to get in, the Captain walked away to the bridge and rounded the stern as the ship went down.

Mr. C. D. Howe, the Canadian Minister of Munitions, said that five life-boats got away safely but the sixth overturned, and it was then that the casualties occurred.

HONEYMOON COUPLE

The survivors include the Mother Superior of a convent in China and a young novice. The Mother Superior said that both had also survived terrific machine-gunning on the Yangtze.

Three babies, who were hoisted to the deck of the rescue ship, were also among the rescued.

The missing include a honeymoon couple who had returned to their cabin to collect their presents.

MESSAGE FROM HOWE

OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister's office has received a message from Mr. C. D. Howe saying: "Life-boat overturned while attempting to transfer occupants to the rescue ship in heavy sea."

News of the death of Mr. Gordon Scott and others has shocked Government officials here.

Maharajah Of Barod Donates Trawler

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Maharajah of Baroda has made a further war contribution of \$50,000, according to the All-India radio.

The sum will be used for the purchase of a trawler for the Indian Navy for mine-sweeping and anti submarine duties.

The vessel will be named Baroda. The Maharajah has already given a similar sum for fighter planes for the R.A.F.



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VICHY CRISIS:

HERR HITLER PLAYING FOR BIGGER STAKES

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The crisis at Vichy does not appear to be over. Under German pressure M. Laval has been allowed his liberty but he had not been reinstated in office, writes Reuter's Chief Diplomatic correspondent.

The interview between Marshal Petain and Herr Otto Abetz, the Nazi Ambassador, must have been dramatic. Abetz probably endeavoured to convince the Marshal that Laval had been maligned and that he had never conspired with Abetz against Petain's security or the interests of the state.

Reports that Laval favoured permitting the passage of troops to Italy are not confirmed from any indisputable source. If the Germans wished to send troops hurriedly to Italy they would use the Brenner pass.

GENTLE METHODS

A decision to break through Unoccupied France is improbable as it would be in opposition to the German policy of the past few weeks, the object of which has been to secure the full collaboration of France in place of Italy.

Hitler knows that his troops could enter Unoccupied France at any moment, but it is far more important for him to have the French Navy and the French Colonial Empire on his side.

Hence the gentle methods employed in dealing with Marshal Petain and the use of self-seeking politicians such as Laval and Flandin.

So far, however, Marshal Petain has resisted all German blandishments.

ENVOY TO PARIS

Comte Fernand de Brinon yesterday formally assumed the post of French Ambassador in Paris, according to a Vichy dispatch to the German news agency.

The appointment was made by Marshal Petain in accordance with a decision taken at Wednesday's cabinet meeting.

Comte de Brinon thus becomes a full-fledged Ambassador six weeks after his appointment as the permanent representative of the French Foreign Minister (then Laval). He has long been known for his friendly attitude towards Germany.

As Vice-President of the French German Committee, he was received by Goebbels in February, 1939. The visit was considerably criticised and he subsequently denied that he had been sent to Berlin on a mission for the French Government.

SITUATION IN ALBANIA

Tepelini Under Heavy Greek Shell-Fire

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Italian resistance in Albania still seems to be strongest in the coastal area and they appear to be still holding on to Porto Palermo which is under Greek shell-fire.

Communications with Valona along the coastal road have been the object of the latest R.A.F. attacks.

Despite fierce storms on Tuesday our planes bombed a motor transport column. It was not possible to observe the full effect of the attack but a number of bombs fell near the column and the vehicles were subsequently machine-gunned. All our planes returned safely.

TEPELINI HOLDING OUT
Tepelini is under heavy Greek shell-fire but has not yet been taken.

Very wintry weather prevails in the northern sector with deep snow at 2,000 feet and frequently 18 degrees of frost. Despite this the Greeks have taken two small hamlets slightly in front of their previous line and many more prisoners and war materials have been captured.

PETITION FOR RETURN OF EVACUEES REJECTED BY HOME GOVERNMENT

"THE EXECUTION OF H.M. GOVERNMENT'S DECISION WAS NECESSARILY IN THE HANDS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES and even if it were true that some individuals were so minded as to fail to submit themselves to H.M. Government's decision in such critical times as these H.M. Government would fall in their responsibilities if they treated such disservice as to warrant reversal of policy."

The above paragraph was contained in the reply received from Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the petition of Hongkong husbands seeking permission for the return of wives and families evacuated to Australia.

The reply reads as follows:—

Please inform Committee that I have received and considered their representations and that I appreciate with all sympathy the disturbance and separation which has been borne by those affected by the evacuation measure. The decision of H.M. Government that a section of women and children in the Colony should be evacuated as a defence measure was taken after most careful consideration of factors concerning defence of Hongkong in the event of serious deterioration in the political situation in the Far East.

SACRIFICES INVOLVED

They appreciate sacrifices involved on the part of families concerned but they had wider and vital British interests than any individual interest to consider. The execution of H.M. Government's decision was necessarily in the hands of the local authorities and even if it were true that some individuals were so minded as to fail to submit themselves to H.M. Government's decision in such critical times as these H.M. Government would fall in their responsibilities if they treated such disservice as to warrant reversal of policy.

Evacuation was confined by H.M. Government to narrowest possible limit and they cannot regard allegations of racial discrimination as justified. In the endeavour to relieve the Colony of financial burden of evacuation scheme H.M. Government have accepted cost themselves.

SUPREME END

I realise at their distance from scene of hostilities it is hard for petitioners entirely to realise not only the sacrifices but hourly risks that are being cheerfully accepted day by day by every individual in our cities here to say nothing of our sailors, airmen and soldiers. These are obviously out of all proportion to smaller sacrifices complained of by petitioners and I am confident once these facts are put to British in Hongkong they will not be behind any other part of the Empire in accepting whatever sacrifices they may be called upon to make for supreme end in view.

MAIN TEXT OF PETITION

Following is the main text of the petition cabled on behalf of the Evacuation Representation Committee:

That the Evacuation Representation Committee hereby petition that the compulsory Evacuation Order should be further revised so that evacuees who left the Colony of Hongkong for Australia and elsewhere owing to such Evacuation Order should be permitted to return to the Colony if they so desire for the following reasons:—

The original Evacuation Order caused grave dissatisfaction, indignation and unrest. There were many contributory causes, some of the Principal being:—

First, that the requisite steps were not taken to prepare for any emergency between the time when the original scheme was worked out on behalf of the Government in 1939 and the date of the Evacuation Order on June 28, 1940.

Secondly, such evacuation entailed a blundering and unjust racial discrimination amongst British citizens of Hongkong.

Thirdly, owing to the manner in which the Government of the Colony operated such Order, exemption was granted to many who had no right to it and many justifiably entitled to such exemption were unable to obtain it.

INDIGNATION INCENSED

This dissatisfaction, indignation and unrest were increased in the minds of the law abiding citizens of this Colony by the Hongkong Government's subsequent notification appearing in the Press on Nov. 7 and 8; for this new order penalised those who were obedient to the original Order and left, and condoned the disobedience of those who ignored the original Order and remained.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly request that the Right Honourable the Secretary of State

for the Colonies will give the necessary directions to the local Government by which all those evacuees who desire to return to the Colony may be permitted to do so. Further, that the necessary financial assistance by way of free passage may be provided without delay and that, if the necessary financial arrangements cannot be made forthwith, those who are able in the first place to advance the expense of a return passage may do so without prejudice to their right to recover such financial assistance as and when the necessary scheme can be arranged. Also that permission should be given for the return to the Colony, at their own expense, of any who may have been absent from the Colony on leave or otherwise when the Evacuation Order was made.

LOYAL CITIZENS

Further that those who acting on the advice of the Local Government remain away, may have the same financial arrangements made for them as were made when evacuation was compulsory and be given an undertaking that Government will keep the situation continually under review to enable such persons to return immediately Government consider that their absence from the Colony is no longer to be recommended and will be granted the same facilities and financial assistance to return.

Your Petitioners and those whom they represent fully recognise that if evacuees or other female relatives are allowed to return immediately, they do so at Government's expense.

Your Petitioners, as loyal citizens, are fully aware of the gravity of the political situation and the necessity of urging people to evacuate. Nevertheless they have duly weighed the consequences of the present compulsory Order and are convinced that the confidence of the Colony will only be restored by a scheme which is both equitable and voluntary.

CHINESE INK & OIL PAINTINGS

Fine Exhibition By Miss Cheung Tan

An exhibition of Chinese ink painting and oil painting, the works of MISS CHEUNG TAN, local young promising artist, is being held on the third floor of Hotel Cecil.

Starting yesterday, the exhibition will remain open today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

The 122 pictures on display are of figures, flowers and birds, landscape and oil paintings.

Under figures, "Puppet," "Plucking the ferns for food," "Goddess of Mercy," and "A Swordsman" are perhaps most outstanding. "The Moon Lady" will be noted by its simplicity.

A WHOLE YEAR

A quartet, "Flowers and birds," each painting extending over ten metres in length, is the pick of the second category. Painted on the lines of the school of the Sung Dynasty, they took a whole year to finish.

The oil paintings, which are more or less of a materialistic nature, depict scenes of everyday life.

Miss Cheung Tan has been studying by herself for more than four years pupil of Mr. Lee Fung-kung, head of the Fung Kung Chinese Art Academy.

KANSU OFFICIALS SWORN IN

General Ku Cheng-lun, Mr. Wang Sou-fang, Mr. Cheng Chen-yu, Mr. Chang Hsin-l, Mr. Chen Kuo-liang and Mr. Chao Lung-wen, respectively, Chairman, Secretary-General, Commissioners of Civil Affairs, Reconstruction, and Finance and Member of the Kansu Provincial Government, were formally sworn in in an impressive ceremony yesterday. General Chu Shao-liang officiated. (Central News).

EXTRACTS FROM H.K. AUDIT REPORT

The following are extracts from the report to the Director of Colonial Audit on the audit of the accounts of the Colony of Hongkong for the year 1939 tabled in Legislative Council yesterday:—

The sum of \$7,000, received by the Commissioner of Police as a gift for a charitable purpose, was not deposited in the Treasury in accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 230, neither was a proper printed form of receipt issued to the donor as required by Colonial Regulation No. 227. Although there is no suggestion whatever that improper use was made of this money, the accounting procedure followed in this instance was irregular.

WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENTS

A further disregard of Colonial Regulation No. 272 is under enquiry. The Police Department purchased furniture and electrical equipment amounting to \$93 in September, 1939, without the approval of Government, the account not being rendered to the Treasury for payment until May of this year.

ARREARS OF REVENUE

According to the returns rendered by departments, the total arrears of revenue, as at Dec. 31, 1939, amounted to \$293,473.13. Of these arrears \$200,382.76 was collected by March 31, 1940, leaving a balance of \$93,090.37 of which \$57.20 was written off as irrecoverable and \$2,167.85 cancelled.

FRUITLESS EXPENDITURE

An oversight on the part of a Government official, or officials, who erroneously allowed certain stores to be disposed of which formed part of the equipment of a Government tug, resulted in a loss to Government of \$859.50. The tug was sold to a private firm on the understanding that the purchase price included all spare parts and equipment. The firm purchased the stores from the original buyers and Government was obliged to refund the amount paid less certain expenses. In compliance with Colonial Regulation No. 345 the matter was referred to the Secretary of State who approved of the loss being met from Public funds.

An error made in indenting for surgical instruments resulted in Government having to make good a loss of \$4 10s. As the officer responsible for the mistake had left the Colony no action was taken against him.

POOR BOX

A suggestion by the Accountant-General to transfer \$5,000 at the end of the year from the Poor Box account to the Revenue Head "Forfeitures," on the ground that the account seemed to be in excess of requirements, was opposed by the Magistrates.

LOSSES OF STORES DUE TO THEFT

Furniture issued for the use of Cadets studying in Canton could not be traced and was "written off." Its loss may be considered as being attributable to military operations in South China.

413 yards of canvas valued at \$292.54 forming part of the Yau-mat store stocks was found to be deficient after a departmental survey. Certain subordinate Government employees, who gave no satisfactory explanation of the loss and who were considered as being responsible for it, were dismissed. The Secretary of State to whom the matter was referred approved of the "write off."

USE OF GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES

An Audit inspection of Government launch log books and replies to Audit queries raised in connexion with certain entries therein, indicated that due economy has not always been practised by officers using Government launches, and that their employment had not been confined to purely Government business. As a result of these queries and of representation by the Auditor, more rigid departmental control over the use of the launches is now being exercised.

The marriage took place on Dec. 12, at the Church of Christ the King, Shanghai, by the Rev. L. McGreal, B.T., of Phyllis Margaret O'Leary, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. M. J. Porter, Chinese Maritime Customs, to John Arthur, son of the late T. M. Blackwood and Mrs. Blackwood, of Hyndland, Glasgow.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

EXPENDITURE FOR WATCHMEN FOR FOG BELL

When a supplementary vote for \$5,100 (being the cost of building quarters to house the necessary watchmen) for the "Beckwith Fog Bell" (Harbour Department) came before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields asked if it was necessary to have watchmen. There were other important works in the Colony protected only by barbed wire.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) replied that he had also raised the query.

The Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary): It is because the last bell was stolen.

The Colonial Secretary pointed out that the Harbour Master stated that there was no method of preventing theft of the bell without affecting the sound if the bell was left unwatched and metal of this kind was at a premium.

Mr. Butters remarked that it was intended to replace the bell with an oscillator after the war. There was some small corresponding saving by having watchmen but he did not know what it was. Mr. Smith said he would take the matter up.

FUMIGATING BUREAU

In connexion with a vote for \$5,300 for running expenses of the Disinfecting and Fumigating Bureau (Medical Department), the Hon. Mr. Shields asked if the bureau was showing a profit.

Mr. Smith: It is supposed to be showing a profit. I cannot say that off hand. I will let you have information on the subject.

VOTES PASSED
Other votes totalling \$3,253,457 were approved.

Legislative Council

Police Office Style Changed

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C.) moved a resolution that the style of the office of "Divisional Superintendent of Police" be changed to that of "Senior Superintendent of Police" for all purposes.

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G.) seconded and the resolution was carried.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912.

The Colonial Secretary seconded. The Council then adjourned sine die.

The meeting lasted only three minutes.

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Lt. Gen. E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.), His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.), the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G.), the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C.), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North), the Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), Hon. Mr. H. J. Pearce (Acting Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue (Acting Commissioner of Police), Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Mr. Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. C. Bramall, Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Council).

Kowloon Community Xmas Concert

A united choir consisting of 130 female and 100 male voices will give a Christmas concert tomorrow evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 o'clock.

An orchestra consisting of more than 20 pieces will accompany the choir. Other items on the programme will be a vocal solo by Mrs. C. W. Shoop, a violin solo by Miss Leung Ding-ka and a piano solo by Mr. Lin Shing-Yup.



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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

EVACUATION
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PUBLIC MEETING

A Public meeting of those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, December 27th at 6 p.m. to receive a statement from the Committee in connection with the reply to the Petition submitted on November 22nd, 1940.

F. C. CLEMO,
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG/AUSTRALIAN
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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

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In view of present circumstances, it has been decided by the Members of The Hong Kong/Australian Freight Conference that the payment of the 10% Deferred Rebate will be discontinued as from 1st January, 1941, and as an alternative a Cash Rebate of 9% will be paid to shippers who sign the Conference Contract.

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A Register of real and personal property situated in Germany or Italy belonging to persons of British nationality resident in Hong Kong and to companies registered therein has now been opened at the Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, Official Receiver's Office, Supreme Court.

Persons desirous of registering such claims with the Custodian should do so on a special form to be obtained from him on application in person.

The Register is confined to property situated in (1) Germany within the boundaries of the Treaty of Versailles (including the Saar region) and territories ceded to Germany as a result of the Munich Agreement, 1938, together with (2) Austria according to the boundaries of the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye; and (3) Italy, Albania, Italian East Africa, and Italian Colonies and possessions.

Entry in the Register of any claim will not imply any recognition of its validity nor constitute any guarantee that it will eventually be supported by His Majesty's Government. The Register is opened solely with a view to facilitating whatever arrangements may be found possible after the war.

J. B. PRENTIS,

Custodian of Enemy Property.
17th December, 1940.

ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court
of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

M.V. "HOEGH
TRANSPORTER"

On instructions from the Underwriters, Tenders are invited for the Single Screw Motor Vessel "HOEGH TRANSPORTER" as she lies submerged in her damaged condition in Singapore Roads.

The vessel is of the Shelter Deck type designed for a carrying capacity of 9,000 tons and fitted with Diesel Machinery.

A large part of the cargo has been removed from the vessel.

Tenders should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than 31st December 1940, who will supply any further information available.

The highest, or any, tender may not necessarily be accepted.

RITCHIE & BISSET,
UNION BUILDING,
SINGAPORE.

DEATH OF MR.
G. MURRAY

The death of Mr. Granville Murray, a former resident of the Colony, was reported in a letter received by Mr. V. Sorby, Manager of the Hongkong Electric, Mr. Murray died at the age of 55.

Prior to his retirement in 1930, Mr. Murray had been Assistant Manager of the Hongkong Electric since 1923.

POLICE REPORTS

Sister Whitehead, of the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, has reported the theft of a wristlet watch, valued at \$90, on Wednesday.

Ng Kai man, of No. 506 Queen's Road West, reports that between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Wednesday someone entered his house and stole two opium pipes valued at \$75.

Money and articles, to the total value of \$240, have been reported stolen from No. 22 Ming Fong Street between 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 and 8.30 p.m. on Dec. 18 by Ho Mui.

Two motor pumps, valued at \$60, have been reported stolen from his residence, No. 79 Kowloon City Road, by Chun Sam-muk.

D.L. Yui, of No. 107 Canton Road, reports that at about 8 a.m. on Dec. 18 someone entered his house and stole money, jewellery and clothing worth \$50.

Mr. Edwards, officer on board a ship in the harbour, reported to the Police that an anchor, valued at \$150, was stolen from the ship on Wednesday.

Paints, worth \$449, belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, are reported to have been stolen from their godowns at On Lok Lane on Wednesday.

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COMBATting THE
U-BOAT MENACE

TWO FACTORS of major importance relating to the defence of the British Isles have been given a prominent place in the news of the last two days. One is President Roosevelt's sweeping move to remove all obstacles in the way of the readiness of the United States to render more and more material help to Britain and the other is the attention that is being directed to combatting the Nazi U-Boat menace, which still continues to take a heavy toll of British merchant shipping. It is, indeed, noteworthy that even the wave of enthusiasm and satisfaction which followed the news of the British victory against the Italians in North Africa and the steady drive of the Greeks into Albania did not overshadow the significance of these two items of news, which, in themselves, bear a strong relation to each other. In fact, the American plan, if it is put into effective operation without delay, will immediately react on the Nazi undersea menace by reason of the fact that Britain will quickly be able to reinforce her escort strength for protecting merchant shipping.

IN EXAMINING the effect which this increased American assistance will have in reducing British shipping losses it is impossible to disregard the anomalous position which has been created on this issue by the attitude of Eire. Most of the successes which the Nazis have secured in their war on merchant shipping have occurred off the west coast of Ireland. It is here that the situation is complicated, for, while the north of Ireland is at war against Germany, the south and south-west has denied Britain the right to cross the Irish Channel and to use its ports on the ground that Eire's neutrality would be in jeopardy. Mr. de Valera's denial of the suggestion that the Nazis themselves might be making use of his ports has, of course, been unreservedly accepted, but, on his own admission that it is impossible to keep a strict watch on all the wide natural harbours of Eire, there is the probability that his ports are, unknown to him, being made use of by the Germans. A map which we published in this issue yesterday makes it clear that the German raiders are able to send their undersea craft by a much shorter route to the waters off the Irish coast than was possible for them in the last war.

APART from this aspect of the question of attacks on merchant shipping, President Roosevelt's "Lending the Fire Hose" scheme for helping Britain should have an immediate effect on checking the war on shipping. New American destroyers will be available to strengthen the British Navy and the lack of escort vessels will be amply made up. A larger number of planes will also help to reinforce the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm and these will make additional aircraft available for the defence of Britain's sea routes.

Taken all in all, the American plan has removed every possible barrier to full co-operation and unlimited assistance from the United States for Britain. Moreover, the move came at a most timely moment and is a gesture which has to be interpreted as not only American determination to make the seas safe for British trade, but also, by speeding up their own naval and shipping production, to place their merchant ships on the trade routes between Britain and the United States. It is easy to see that this scheme has been made possible by the country-wide recognition of the fact that unless Britain is assisted, the United States will be left to face the dictators of Europe alone.

THIS COUNTRY-WIDE recognition of the need to help Britain includes Americans of every class and religions. It is well known that a large percentage of them are Roman Catholics and this fact should be recognised most particularly by Mr. de Valera, who is the head of a state which is predominantly Roman Catholic. It is a point which should make him face the facts of the position he has created by his refusal to allow Britain to use his ports in Southern Ireland. He should realise what has already become clear to Irishmen in America and elsewhere, that the independence of Eire, like that of the United States, is bound up with a British victory over the Nazis. In urging all possible aid for Britain, the Irish element in America should help to clear up the position of Eire in the struggle that is being waged for world peace and religious freedom.

\$80,000
DISPUTE
SETTLED

The following despatch from H. E. the Officer Administering the Government to the Secretary for the Colonies is from the report to the Director of Colonial Audit on the audit of the accounts of the Colony for the year 1939:—
The dispute over the sum of \$80,408.69 claimed by Government as additional royalty due by the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company, Limited, in respect of the year ended 11th June, 1939, has been settled, with the concurrence of my Executive Council, on the basis that Government would waive its claim and the Ferry Company would make a donation of \$20,000 to the South China Morning Post War Fund. I understand that the Auditor will comment on this settlement in his report for the financial year 1940-41.

NEWSETTES

The annual prize-giving of Wah Yan College will take place tomorrow in the College Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Dr. S. N. Chau will distribute the prizes.

Mr. G. Bonvard, of the Banque d'Indo-Chine, left for Yokohama yesterday.

Mr. C. S. Franklin, former Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who was in the Colony with Mrs. Franklin, left for Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. C. Fritz, of Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Shanghai, who was a visitor to Hongkong, left for the north yesterday.

Mr. W. R. McBain, of Shanghai, who was on a visit to Hongkong, left for the northern port yesterday.

Mr. J. Walther, of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, left Hongkong for Japan yesterday.

Mr. J. R. Collins, Secretary, Bank Line (China), Ltd., arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Fine Concert
Of Madrigals,
Part SongsIN AID OF LORD
MAYOR'S FUND

The Hongkong Singers, assisted by Mr. Y. K. Sze (Bass) and a String Orchestra, presented a very fine concert of Madrigals and Part Songs at the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room last night in aid of the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund.

The Singers' contribution to the programme included renderings of the following songs and madrigals:—Sing we and chant it (Thomas Morley), Happy, Oh happy be (John Wilbye), Wily, prithee go to bed (Thomas Ravenscroft), Spring comes laughing (from "The Peasant Cantata"—J. S. Bach), Aletair McAlpine's Lament (Irish art. Vaughan-Williams), Cradle Song (John Ireland), Bethlehem (Peter Warlock), Ye little birds (Holst), I loved a lass and The Emigrant (Armstrong Crooks).

The orchestral selections offered were The Alcina Suite (Handel) and Air and Dance (Debussy).

Mr. Y. K. Sze rendered Recit. and Air from "La Selva Incantata"—Righini and two pieces from Schumann—I will not grieve and The Two Grenadiers.

Mr. J. R. M. Smith and Orchestra were heard in a rendering of "Handel in the Strand"—Grainger.

THE SINGERS

Singers who took part were:—Soprano—Mrs. T. K. Chiu, Mrs. S. Choy, Miss F. D. Gomez, Mrs. J. Groundwater, Mrs. G. Goddard, Miss R. Mow Fung, Miss J. Oram, Miss G. H. Percy, Miss C. Silva, Miss L. Yvanovitch and Miss A. Yvanovitch.

Contraltos—Miss B. M. Bichenov, Miss E. F. Davies, Miss G. Flower, Mrs. G. A. Goodban, Miss E. M. Gray, Miss O. B. Green, Mrs. S. B. Moir, Miss K. G. Moir, Miss V. Podmore, Miss L. Rolin, Mrs. A. C. Tribble, and Miss M. A. Wood.

Tenors—G. F. D'Aquino, F. T. D'Aquino, R. Baldwin, T. K. Chiu, S. Hancock, D. Leigh, C. H. Ngan, E. J. Silva, H. Talbot, H. R. Williams, and A. Wu.

Basses—J. D'Aquino, W. M. Barton, T. Chang, G. G. Davies, S. Hale, C. G. M. Morrison, G. H. Percy, L. T. Ride, E. C. Thomas, A. St. G. Walton, P. B. Wilson and P. Yvanovitch.

The Orchestra comprised the following: Mons. H. Evella, Cpl. A. Alsey, Ho Shu-kee, D. K. L'ang and W. R. Lambert (1st Violins), W. M. Barton, John Braga, Mrs. Drown, Bdm. W. Marshall and Mr. Miles (2nd Violins), Ho On-tong and Chao Pu-wei (Violas), N. Lai and G. Goodban (Cellos) and L/Cpl. Morris (Double Bass). Mr. J. R. M. Smith conducted. The accompanists were R. Baldwin and E. O'Neill Shaw.

BRITAIN IS STILL MAIN
THEATRE OF WAR FOR
HERR HITLER

"Which theatre of war does Herr Hitler think is the most important? How long will he allow Signor Mussolini to taste the bitterness of defeat before assisting him?" These questions were answered on Wednesday night by Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., when he broadcast in London.

"It is most unlikely," said Sir Frederick, "that if Herr Hitler intended to make South-East Europe and the Mediterranean the theatre of war this winter, that he would have left his Italian ally to make the running by himself."

MUSSOLINI'S OWN WAR

"In fact, the indifference of his lends colour to the belief that Signor Mussolini started off on his Greek campaign on his own, so that if he won he could have said that Italian skill and Italian valour had given the Axis the advantage of the opening for the drive to the east. If he had succeeded, the advantage would certainly have been against us and probably Herr Hitler would have advanced into South-East Europe."

"But Signor Mussolini failed and what we are trying to get at today is to find out how much Herr Hitler minds it. Does Signor Mussolini's embarrassment worry him or does he reckon that Signor Mussolini has done all that was expected of him by tying down a large part of our forces and forcing us to make great efforts to transport troops, etc. in the Mediterranean while at the same time maintaining our own front in the North sea, the Atlantic and the English Channel?"

"All this points to the fact that the home front is the important front and I believe that unless Signor Mussolini is in great danger, Herr Hitler will not be distracted from his main effort against us. Herr Hitler, therefore, is not likely to embark on any enterprise to save Signor Mussolini and so it is that the British public see themselves today as the object of Herr Hitler's main attack."

NEW PHASE

"We are now in a new phase of the Battle of Britain in which Herr Hitler will strain every nerve to cut off our supplies and communications. The struggle thus becomes a battle of endurance. The critical moment for us is from now until next spring. We have no reason to suppose that whatever Herr Hitler may succeed in doing to our shipping in the next few months that he can gain his objective of starving us out."

"It is now commonplace to say that Herr Hitler's control of the European coastline gives him many advantages which Germany did not possess at the outbreak of the war."

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Nine Weddings At Registry

The following weddings took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiating:—

Mr. Ho Chik-sum, Chinese medical doctor, of No. 35 Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, and Miss Chan Sheung-man, residing at No. 18 Hennessy Road;

Mr. Lai Yick-doong, student of No. 89 Kiliang Street, Shamshui-poo, and Miss Foo Shu-ying, of No. 116 Fook Wing Street, Shamshui-poo;

Mr. Lo Kwok-shing, clerk, of No. 180 Nathan Road, second floor, Kowloon, and Miss Au Pui-lan, of No. 13 Halphong Road, first floor, Kowloon;

Mr. Mak Leung-tak, salesman of Victor Printing Co., and residing at No. 302 Main Street, Shamshui-poo, and Miss Trui Lin-hoi, of No. 204 Queen's Road Central;

Mr. Chan Poon-peng, clerk of the Prisons Department, and residing at the Married Quarters, Stanley Prison, and Miss Wong Sui-ying, of No. 18 Nga Tain Long Road, second floor, Kowloon City;

Mr. Ho Wan-man, broker, of No. 128 Fa Yuen Street, Mongkok, and Miss Lee Chor-cheung, of No. 30 Tain Kung Road, Kowloon City;

Mr. Cheung Hing-chiu, merchant, residing at No. 75 Hennessy Road, first floor, and Miss Katherine Wei, of the same address;

Mr. Lam Tak-ming, Works Supervisor, War Department, and Miss Wong Nga Han, of the same address;

Mr. Poon Sun-wah, student of No. 209 Tung Choi Street, Mongkok, and Miss Kwan Eik-wan, of No. 3 Ning Young Terrace.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following forthcoming weddings were announced at the Registry yesterday:—

Mr. Lee Poo-wing, dentist, of No. 83 Queen's Road Central, and Miss Lam Ling-che, of No. N. 70 Po Hing Fong;

Mr. Lam Kwok-kwong, merchant, residing at No. 27 Pilken Street, Kowloon, and Miss Wong To-ching, of No. 205 Shanghai Street, Kowloon;

Mr. Lyew Ki-keung, clerk, of No. 8 Wield Dell Building, second floor, and Miss Anna Yang, of No. 6 Wield Dell Building, first floor;

Mr. Ching Lin-ching, widower, of No. 187 Sai Yee Street, Mongkok, and Miss Li Woon-ping, of No. 441 Hennessy Road;

Mr. John Atkinson Gilzean, Sapper, R. E. of Wellington Barracks, and Miss Jenny Ying, of No. 7 Fenwick Street, second floor;

Peter O'Neill, Private, Royal Scots, of Victoria Barracks, and Miss Doris Hamblin, widow, of No. 155 Tung Choi Street, Mongkok.

What War
Has Brought
To BritainCHANGED SOCIAL
STRUCTURE

"The English squire and the Scottish laird and their ladies helped to build up the political life of this country. It was they who laid the foundations of democracy here," said a well-known Hungarian Countess, who has been resident in England for some years, when she spoke in London yesterday.

The Countess was broadcasting a talk in the series "Speaking for Britain" and she referred to the great changes brought about in the social structure of Britain by the war and the disappearance of feudal traditions in the community.

The Countess first referred to the feudalism which had existed in Hungary and the manner in which it had given place to a recognition of the value of the peasants and the farmers in national life.

The speaker then turned to the effects which the winning spirit had wrought in England and showed how property and privilege had all been sacrificed to the common cause and how social system had changed to enable this to happen.

"I have heard the term 'parish pump politician' used in a derogatory sense, but it is the greatest mistake to smile at the little things. It is because of the parish pump politician that Britain has acquired this state of democracy," said the Countess.

HOUSES THROWN OPEN

"When the war broke out, thousands of manor houses were thrown open for first aid work, A. R. P. and other requirements. The ladies of these houses were the first to suggest that their cooks and housemaids should attend these classes and the barriers of social standing were knocked down overnight."

"These houses were offered to the evacuees and to the old and infirm. From the moment of the French collapse and income tax went shooting up, they knew that by the time the war was over they would be bankrupt, but they threw themselves into the work that they knew had to be done and these women offered their houses to their bombed out fellow citizens."

"They realised that all this meant holding out against Herr Hitler. They all are fully aware of the fact that the day of the leisure individual class is over. At the moment they want to take their share in beating Herr Hitler at any price, at any cost, and at any sacrifice."

The Countess paid an eloquent tribute to the example which had been set in this respect by Her Majesty the Queen and said she was sure that Her Majesty's great example would be followed by others.

"Feudal England was superseded by time," said the Countess, "and it died as merrily as it lived."

CHINESE GIFT
TO U.K. AIR
RAID VICTIMS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, received from Dr. Wang gshu-chieh, President of Sino-British Cultural Relations Association, a bank draft for £1,849 representing a contribution towards the relief of suffering in the United Kingdom caused by German air raids.

The sum was donated by Chinese members and friends of the Association who state that they wish to express their great sympathy for the suffering people of England.

A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY:

Military Expert's Tribute To British Staff Work At Sidi Barrani

"Whatever may be the later developments, the Battle of Sidi Barrani has been fought and won, and it has been a clear cut and a particularly decisive victory," said CAPT. CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of THE TIMES, in a comment on the British victories in the Western Desert in a talk in London yesterday.

"I hardly need to remind you of the earlier preliminaries, to this victory," went on Capt. Falls. "When Italy came into the war in the hope of picking up easy spoils and the collapse of France put out of action the whole of the French colonial forces, we simply had no resources to stop the Italians from invading British Somaliland, or from crossing the Kenya frontier at certain points.

ITALIAN HALT

"On the Libyan frontier we managed to harass them. It is true, but we had no serious plans for taking the offensive. After some time the Italians came on and moved up without opposition to Sidi Barrani and there they halted.

"That was, of course, natural. They had to take about six weeks for road-making, etc., but when these six weeks had gone by, it became clear that they had either bitten off more than they could chew or that they were waiting for something to happen.

"What did happen was that Italy invaded Greece. Marshal Graziani probably thought that we would rush help across to the Greeks, whereas actually the help we were able to give them was only in the air.

"This brings me to the British side of the picture. While the Italians were hanging in the wind in the desert, the Army of the Nile had been strengthened by men and machines and we still had the R.A.F. with us. But the Italians were in a bad situation, with long lines of communication behind them.

A PROBLEM

"Still, the position of Greece was a problem to General Wavell. Would it be better to send planes to Greece to help them and to wait for more from home? Or would it be better to keep the planes and to launch an attack on the Italians?

"No, that could not be done. We had given the Greeks a pledge and the pledge had to be fulfilled. So the planes were sent. This was a particularly high-minded decision, because there were many people who thought that the Italians carried too much weight for the Greeks.

"The Italian Command certainly knew what had happened in Greece and the advantages that we had gained by the Italian attack there in the way of air and

BRITISH FORCES BREAK THROUGH

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grumbled about the idleness of our troops and put forward wild and woolly proposals for more action.

Those people who complained about the army in Britain kicking its heels instead of having a go at the Germans are reminded by the Daily Herald that this great army is being trained for a task just as thoroughly as the army in Egypt was trained "and when the time comes we shall acknowledge that effort as being worthwhile."

"Next month, when the 36-age group registers, we shall have a war potential of 5,000,000 men.

"The army of Britain grows bigger every day," said the Daily Herald.

"The army in Britain is ready and eager to tackle the German invader and to fling him to the fishes," Mr. Churchill said. Then will come the invasion of enemy territory itself."

A European lady had reported the loss of a diamond bracelet, valued at £400, between Diana House, Queen's Road Central, and the Hongkong Jockey Club stables, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon.

MANNHEIM AGAIN ATTACKED

GERMANY SHORT OF NITRIC ACID

For the third night in succession the Royal Air Force raided Mannheim, states a London message.

The fires left burning on Tuesday night were still smouldering when they attacked on Wednesday.

Among the targets hit was a synthetic ammonia plant and a factory at Ludwigshafen dye works.

There is already a shortage of nitric acid in Germany and chemical products which are a valuable source of foreign exchange for the Germans.

The Italian morale has been further shaken by heavy R.A.F. raids on Milan and Genoa.

Particularly heavy hits were scored on aerodromes in Genoa.

FREE FROM RAIDS

The Germans are evidently finding the bad weather too much for them and once again Britain had a night which was free from raids on Wednesday.

Yesterday morning planes were reported near Liverpool but no bombs were dropped.

In daylight the only activity was the shooting down of a German bomber over the English Channel.

It was reported yesterday that a British motor torpedo-boat had sunk a German ship of 7,000 tons off the Belgian coast on Wednesday morning.

HEAVIEST OF WAR

Throughout Tuesday night, Royal Air Force bombers carried out the heaviest raids of the war on Denzli aerodrome, stated a communiqué which was received from the British Air Force Headquarters in Cairo.

Many tons of bombs were dropped and damage was caused to the aerodrome building. The attack was made in waves and the Bardia-Tobruk road was also bombed.

The R.A.F. also made another successful raid on Bologna where docks and warehouses were hit and one warehouse was seen to be on fire.

Italian fighters put up a still opposition and one Italian plane was shot down. One R.A.F. machine was forced to land but the rest returned safely.

British machines also attacked Lorient on Wednesday night. No British planes were lost.

SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR

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L.D., and Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., J.P., Knights-Commander of the Venerable Order, on either side, then advanced to the foot of the dais. Sir Atholl mounted the dais where he received the insignia from his Excellency.

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the ceremony were members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Officers of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade and many guests. Among those present were, Hon. Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N., Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., and Mrs. Smith, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Sir Robert Kote-wall, C.M.G., Lady Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Lt.-Comdr. T. S. Horry, D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F., Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Mr. Alfred Morris, Sir Ely Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kadoorie, and many others.

Officers of St. John Ambulance Brigade and Association who were present were, Dr. J. E. Dovey, Mr. Chak Tai-kwong, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. Arthur Woo, Mr. Ip Kwai-chung, Serving Brothers, and Miss Hung Lai-kwan, Dr. (Miss) P. R. Patton, Miss Fok Kum-yung, and Miss Lopes, Serving Sisters, and Mrs. E. F. Hyde-Lay, Secretary.

His Excellency was attended by the following Honorary Aides-de-Camp: Lieut. J. P. Gunner, R.N. (Navy), Lieut. B. A. Fergus (Army), Flight-Lt. M. N. Oxford, R.A.F.O. (Air), Mr. K. A. Bidmead, A.S.F. (Police) and Mr. Fung Ping-fan (St. John Ambulance Brigade).

MATSUOKA BESEECHES AMERICAN FRIENDS TO THINK TWICE

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—An impassioned appeal for the patience of Japan "which is not waging an imperialistic war of greed and aggression against China" was made by the Foreign Minister, MR. MATSUOKA, speaking at a farewell luncheon given by the Japanese American Society in honour of Admiral Nomura, the newly appointed Ambassador to America.

Mr. Matsuoka declared: "We stand for peace and order. We shut the door nowhere and to no one. Mind you, there shall be no conquest, no oppression, and no exploitation under the New Order."

RECENT TRIP TO MALAYA

A survey of the Chinese community in Malaya was given by Mr. William Yinson Lee, Director Emeritus for Chinese of Y's Men's Movement, at the weekly lunch meeting of the Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday. Mr. C. P. Wong, President of the Club, presided.

The speaker at the conclusion of his speech was thanked by Mr. Wong Kwok-fong.

Mr. Yinson Lee said in part: "My six months' trip to Malaya, on a combined business and vacation trip gave me an intimate insight into the lives of our Chinese compatriots there."

In the Philippine Islands, Borneo, Samoa, Fiji, Malaya and other Pacific Islands, the Chinese were the pioneers of civilisation. To their perseverance and skill as well as their enterprise is due to the extensive development of those places and European trade relied upon their industry and integrity for its wide distribution to the remotest parts of the jungle and for its ultimate barter with the natives.

TIN AND RUBBER

Since early days, Malaya has become the world's largest tin and rubber producing centre. Prior to the advent of rubber, tin was, in an economic sense, the mainstay of the Federated Malay States. Chinese miners have been mainly responsible for the results achieved and the evolution of their processes of mining is an interesting story in itself.

Pineapple canning was an industry which made huge profits during Great War of 1914-18, since which time it has found a ready market in Great Britain, China and other parts of the world.

Among our overseas Chinese communities, I believe Malaya holds the record for its number of millionaires. During my visit, not a day passed without my meeting several of these lucky people, men who made their fortunes in rubber and tin principally.

During the visit of General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, last month, he was welcomed in Singapore by 400 Chinese commercial, industrial, financial, educational and social organisations.

Malaya is an example of what the combination of good government and persevering industry of the Chinese people can accomplish.

Just before I left Malaya, finding many friends interested in our "Fellowship-Culture-Service" Movement, I organised the Singapore Y's Men's Club which will apply for a charter from the International Y's Association with about 20 members, consisting of leading business and professional men. Mr. Lewis Mason, Regional Director in Shanghai and Dr. F. I. Tseng, our South China District Governor and several individual Clubs including our own have sent the Singapore Club their congratulations and best wishes.

PENETRATION INTO ITALY

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worthy leaders of the Nazi Party. A new aristocracy of the Germans will have slaves assigned to them as their property.

"Do not interpret the word slave in rhetorical sense," said Herr Darre. "We have a modern form of mediaeval slavery."

That is what the Nazis intend for Africa if they ever get there. In the meanwhile they appear to be practising on Italy.

POURING THROUGH

MANILA, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—German troops are pouring through the Brenner Pass into Italy and embarking in transports at Trieste where concentrations are steadily growing, according to the NEW YORK TIMES correspondent on the Yugoslav-Italian frontier quoting a reliable source in Italy.

According to semi-official German sources, the correspondent says some announcement regarding the "German expeditionary force" to Italy may be made later today.

CHIMARA STILL BOMBARDED

FRESH ASSAULTS BY GREEKS

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Greek artillery are still bombarding Chimara (Albania port), Tepelini (keytown for the capture of Valona, Albania's oilport) and Kilsoura on the east side of Tepelini, according to latest reports from the front reaching London.

Greek troops carrying out fresh assaults have occupied important fortified positions.

"News of the Italian abandonment of Kilsoura has spread among the Greek troops and has heartened them amid the trials of the winter weather."

HEAVY SNOW

Although heavy snow is hampering the fighting in Albania, successful local operations are reported by the Greeks, according to a London message.

The Athens spokesman said that reticence in regard to details was due to the nature of the operations. This attitude in the past has usually been followed by important news of the capture of certain strategic points and evacuation by the Italians.

In the meantime, the Greeks are said to have moved forward towards Chimara and to be closing on Tepelini. They are also reported to have taken a height dominating Kalseri, which, together with Tepelini have been set on fire.

General Metaxas, in a statement yesterday, said: "The Greeks will fight on until the Italians are driven from Albania. The battle will only end with the complete defeat of Italy."

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 66 and the minimum 58. Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.73.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

A strong anticyclone covers China, Korea and S. Japan, it is moving slowly eastward. A depression is moving into the Pacific to the east of Japan.

DEVELOPING FAVOURABLY

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He said that the British forces were closing in on the town of Bardia with stronger and increasing force and he had reason to believe that the situation was developing favourably.

So far, it was reported that over 30,000 prisoners had been taken but he thought that this figure was a considerable understatement.

In addition, he said, the British troops had captured 100 guns, 80 tanks and great quantities of stores.

In Tuesday's fighting an additional 800 prisoners were taken and Mr. Churchill referred particularly to a cavalry charge, which had been made during the fighting at the Siwa oasis.

Mr. Churchill's reference to the fighting at Siwa gives some idea of the extent to which the battle has developed.

The Prime Minister summed up the situation by stating that it was highly satisfactory.

"This will enable us to take bolder views than before. It is a case of risks well run."

After paying another tribute to General Sir Archibald Wavell, General Sir Nathan Wilson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Mr. Churchill said, amid cheers, "This victory is gratifying in that the British Army has at last been given an opportunity to show what it can do."

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING

The Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., statement for quarter ended September 14, (consisting of three four-weekly periods) is as follows:—

BATTERY

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No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 2,741 ounces.

RETREATMENT PLANT

No. of tons treated 24,023 tons.

No. of Ounces of Bullion produced 1,557 ounces.

No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 1,365 ounces.

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Round The Police Courts

AT CENTRAL

ALLEGED MURDERERS

A further remand of one week was granted on the application of Det. Sub-Ins. W. N. Darkin yesterday when Tang Fu-hoi, 17, unemployed boiler maker, Wong Kwai, 18, unemployed coolie, and Pun Tak-wah, 17, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon on remand.

The three accused were charged with the murder of Wong Hing-on Dec. 12 at Shaikwan.

THEFT OF PAPER

Charged with store breaking at No. 7 On Lok Lane on Wednesday and stealing from it two bales of paper worth \$225.20, Ken Wai-man, 27, coolie, was remanded 48 hours for further inquiries by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

The complainant in the case is Mr. Liu Lit-shuen, manager of the Union Drug Company, Bank of Canton Building.

Det. Sgt. J. Bentley is in charge of the case.

FORGED DOCUMENT

An attempt to obtain money by means of a forged document sent through the post was frustrated when the complainant in the case discovered that the chop on the receipt was a forgery.

The man was arrested and charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with demanding money on a forged document, namely, obtaining \$150 from Li Yuen by virtue of a receipt bearing half the chop of a Mr. Koo, on Tuesday.

The defendant, Kwan Yat, 22, unemployed, who pleaded guilty to the offence, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Det. Sgt. W. Summers, who prosecuted said that on Dec. 18 complainant received a letter purporting to have come from Mr. Koo who was in Kwangsi. In the letter was half a receipt with half a chop which, on comparing, was found to be a forgery. In the letter it was stated that \$150 be given to the man who will present the other half of the receipt.

On the next day defendant presented the receipt at complainant's address, No. 97 Bonham Strand East. On comparing the half of the chop it was found to be forged and defendant was arrested.

Defendant had one previous conviction for larceny from the person.

SWITCH BOX THEFT

Before Mr. Lowry yesterday, Chan Kui, 39, unemployed, was charged with the theft of a switch box from the basement, No. 22, Conduit Road, the property of Mr. Reidy, on Dec. 17, and with possession of a pair of pliers, hammer and two screws.

Chan was additionally charged with breach of a deportation order. Det. Sgt. J. R. Sykes, prosecuted and said that defendant had in his possession a printed form that authorised Hongkong Electric workmen to enter a house.

Sgt. Sykes asked that a serious view be taken of the case.

Eight months' imprisonment was imposed.

AT KOWLOON

P. W. D. VICTIMISED

Ng Fong, watchman of the P. W. D., and Leung Pang were charged before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday with receiving stolen property.

Det. Sgt. C. Pope said that the P.W.D. had reported the theft of many canvas bed sheets lately. On information the two defendants were arrested. Inquiry showed that the first defendant had sold 41 canvas sheets, with the Government marks on, to the second accused at \$1 each.

After evidence the first accused was fined \$100 or two months in prison, while the second defendant was bound over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months and to pay \$40 compensation to the Department.

POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

Convicted of harbouring a boy without the permission of the S. C. A., two Chinese women, Li Wan-sin, 27, and Ng Po-ying, 36, were each fined \$20 by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

Inspector E. Moreton, of the S.C.A., stated that the accused were arrested with the boy about 7.45 a.m. at the Yau-mat Railway Station on information.

The boy had been sold to the

TWO WOMEN AT SESSIONS

Uttering Forged Notes Alleged

Two women, Kwok Fong and Leung Ying, and a man, Mak Kun-sing, were arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol Macgregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on charges of uttering forged banknotes at Kowloon.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det. Sergeant N. B. Fraser, prosecuted. Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, appeared for the second and third defendants.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. W. H. Whitley (Foreman), R. A. Gardner, Man Wai-lee, F. Elliott, Chan Ping, Li Sheung-hi, and S. H. Langston.

Mr. Murphy said that the three defendants were charged with uttering a forged \$100 note of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australasia, at No. 11 Jordan Road, occupied by the Milton Institute, on Oct. 25. The first and third accused were further charged with uttering a forged \$50 note of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., at the Fuk Hing School, No. 35, Fuk Wah Street, on Sept. 14; while the two women were also charged with uttering a forged \$50 note at No. 182, Nathan Road, third floor, on Oct. 21.

Evidence was given by the three complainants and their respective employees, and by Mr. F. E. E. Hooker, A. S. P.

ACCUSED TESTIFY

First accused, giving evidence, said that she formerly lived in Canton. In Hongkong, she met her nephew who asked her to get work for him. She tried to get a hawker's licence but failed. He then asked her to get him into the Milton Institute to learn driving, and suggested going there together.

On the way, she met second accused whom she had known in Canton, and asked her to accompany them to the Institute.

Second accused stated, in evidence, that on Oct. 25, she met first accused, whom she knew when she was a young girl, and was told about the nephew. They went to the Milton Institute.

Giving evidence, third accused said that he had been married to second accused for nine years, and formerly lived in Canton. Previously he had been employed as a mechanic in the Milton Institute for one year.

Hearing was adjourned to this morning.

first defendant's mother who was in the country. The boy, who had no relative in the Colony, was placed under the care of the S.C.A.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for this afternoon by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen yesterday of the case in which 10 Chinese, Au Yui, 18, Cheung Yuk-king, 18, spinner, Au Ying-chuk, 20, Kam Ming, 19, Kwok Po-yu, 55, married woman, Au Fuk, 21, Yeung Mui, 24, married woman, Yeung Kam, 24, Lau Wai-lin, 19, married woman, and Chan Yun-ming, 25, widow, were charged with conspiracy.

UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI

For keeping an unregistered ward and assaulting her, a Chinese woman, Mok Ting-yeung, 32, was fined \$25 by Mr. Macfadyen yesterday.

Inspector Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that the ward reported to the Shamshulpo Police Station on Dec. 14 that she had been assaulted by the defendant. She said that she had been placed under the defendant's care by her mother who received \$30 Chinese currency from the defendant to return to the country.

She said that the reason for the assault was that the defendant accused her of stealing a brass ring.

ILLEGAL PAWNING

Au Pak-lam, 25, shirt maker, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for illegally pawning nine sewing machines which were not his own property.

In each case the defendant sent the pawn ticket back to the complainant and he was arrested on the roof of No. 7 Po Yan Street on Wednesday.

He was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

OFFICER FINED

Pleading guilty to one of two summonses by a letter, Lieut. C. J. Colingwood, residing at No. 100,

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 19.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.28 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 63 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.N.E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 67 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night, 58 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.73 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.43 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.58 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 19.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.14 ins.

Temperature, 62 F.

Humidity, 80 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 66 F.

Minimum temperature, 58 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 20 to 28 Dec. 1940.

Day of Month	High Water	Low Water	Day of Month	High Water	Low Water
	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri. 20	h.m.	a.m.	Fri. 20	h.m.	a.m.
	14 10	5 0		16 16	4 0
Sat. 21	00 48	5 9	Sat. 21	08 16	1 6
	15 08	5 2		19 20	1 2
Sun. 22	01 55	5 2	Sun. 22	09 05	1 2
	16 00	5 5		21 28	4 0
Mon. 23	02 24	5 8	Mon. 23	10 00	2 6
	16 53	5 3		22 25	3 6
Tues. 24	03 00	5 1	Tues. 24	10 53	2 8
	17 44	4 4		23 44	2 7
Wed. 25	03 20	4 3	Wed. 25	11 43	3 1
	18 20	3 9		24 40	2 0
Thurs. 26	07 50	4 7	Thurs. 26	12 32	3 3
	19 18	7 4			

Waterloo Road, was fined \$8 by Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for failing to stop after a collision and falling to report an accident.

BURGLARY CHARGE

Chan Cheung, 22, Ng Hin, 21, Ng Hing, 29, and Cheun Ping, 26, appeared before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday on the charge of burglary and larceny at Shanghai Street.

The fourth defendant was additionally charged with breach of expulsion order.

The first defendant was sentenced to two months' prison, the second and third to six weeks, while the fourth got three months and two weeks.

ANOTHER REMAND

So Chan-kin, 60, Ah-kam and So Chi-muen charged with piracy and possession of ammunition, appeared before Mr. Himsforth yesterday for another remand of eight days. They were alleged to have robbed a cargo to the value of \$20,000 from a junk in Colonial waters.

MARINE COURT

Fines of \$15 were imposed by the Marine Magistrate, Cmdr. J. Jolly, yesterday on three women, Chan Ying, 20, Ho Mui, 20, and Leung Sai-mui, 20, charged with boarding a British vessel at No. 14 Buoy without the permission of the master or the officer, on duty, Sub-Ins. Payting, prosecuted.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(Continued from Yesterday)

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following have qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Hongkong—Chan Kam-kwan, 3044, Chan Tze, 3045, Miss Cheung Ho-ping, 3046, Cheng Yu, 3047, Cheung Chiu, 3048, Cheung Chung-het, 3049, Miss Cheung Shook-ling, 3050, Cheung Yang, 3051, Chow Chee-hung, 3052, Miss Chow Kit-ching, 3053, Chow Po, 3054, Miss Chow Yuk-wong, 3055, Ding Fong-hang, 3056, Kang Chi-fung, 3057, Lai Tat-ming, 3058, Lau King-lin, 3059, Lau Sik, 3060, Leung Wing-kwong, 3061, Miss Lee Yee-mui, 3062, Liu Shu-sang, 3063, Tam Hei-ming, 3064, Tang Cheung, 3065, Yu Chang-wan, 3066.

Western—1118 Au Shau-sai, Chan Chi-nin, 3074, Cheng Pang, 3075, Ho Sik-bun, 3077, Kwok Sing-tong, 3079, Lau Siu-ping, 3080, Lee Hung, 3082, Miss Lee Tin-wah, 3083, Wong Cheung, 3084, Kong Kwok-keung, 3085, Tung Wu-sang, 2483, Chan Pak-wing, 2748, Ho Wal.

Eastern—1845 Miss M. Abbas, 3100, Chan Sik-kee, 3068, Cheung Sik-fun, 3069, Lam Kat-shui, 3070, Leung Lok-kee, 3071, Leung Tze-fung, 3072, H. K. F. Pun, 3073, Sung Shueung-cheung, 2940, Yik Ping-hang.

Central—2804 Chan Yuen-on, 2824, Hung Hing-kwai, 3088, Kwok Cheuk-ming, 3087, Tsang Man-hung, 3088, Yau Bing-chuen, 3089, Yeung Kam-pui, 2913, Chow Chung-yin, 2775, Miss Kam Siu-kuen, 2101, Miss Lo Min-keung, 3102, Miss Ho Shok-chong, 3103, Ng Yip-hung.

Upper Levels—2828 E. Fung, 2966, S. K. Sung, 2987, Tong Pu-sam.

Pokfulam—3001 C. O. Blake, 2902, A. Odell, Shaikwan—3090 S. H. Ross, Headquarters—3099 Mrs. V. M. Evans.

The following have qualified as A.R.P. Telephone and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Quarry Bay—3095 (T) Miss M. Connolly, 3096 (T) Miss Lau Chiu-lin, 3097 (T) Miss D. Lee, 3099 (T) Mrs. B. Osborne.

Eastern—942 (T) Chang Tin-hung, Hung Hon, 3001 (T) Miss C. Ab-long, 3002 (T) Miss G. Ahong.

Tsimshatsui—3006 (T) Miss J. Broadbridge, 3007 (T) Mrs. G. Castle, 3008 (T) Miss L. Hope, 3009 (T) Miss C. M. Rosario, 1559 (T) D. H. de Carvalho.

Yau-mat—2909 Miss C. Gutierrez, 3012 (T) Miss D. Noronha, 3012 (T) Ling Chun-wah.

Shamshulpo—2765 (T) Chan Siu-lun.

The following have qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Kowloon—2524 Cheung Kwok-wah, 3065, Yu Ming-chuen (Miss), 2768, Chan Kin-hing (Miss).

Tsimshatsui—2905 Mrs. M. Lebedev, 2903 J. R. Gomez.

Yau-mat—2810 Lee, Ming-kwong, 3010, Leung Kwai-fun (Miss), 3011, Leung Kwok-hung, 3014, Woo Hing-man.

Shamshulpo—2757, Au Tin-chau, 3018, Chu Siu-wah (Miss), 3018, Chung Shing-shan, 3020, Ip Pang-chung, 3021, Kwok To-wah (Miss), 3022, Lai Bik-yuk, 3024, Lee Ching-in (Miss), 3025, Lee Kok, 3028, Leung Chong-ki, 3027, Leung Hung, 3028, Leung Kwok-wai, 3029, Leung Yee-ki, 3033, Tong, Kung-ching, 3034, Tong Yung-jui, 3035, Wong Wai-ching, 3036, Miss Wong Yuet-lai, 3037, Yau Ching-tan, 2844, Cheung Kim-man, 2769, Chiu, Yui-chun, 3003, Ip Siu-ling.

(Sgd) S. H. FOCKE,
Deputy Director of A.R.P.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 20th December, 1940
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising:—

Teakwood Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Washstands, Slideboards, Dinner Wagons, Dining Tables, Chairs, Tables, Stands, Cupboards, Chesterfield Suites, Hatstands, Desks, Cabinets, Bookcases, Screens, Rattan Furniture, etc., etc.

Carpets, Rugs, Perambulators, Gramophones, Records, Cutlery, Electric Table Fans and Heaters, Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Pictures, Clocks, Curios, Ornaments, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

also

A QUANTITY OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

and

- 1 "R.C.A." Radio Set (1940 Model)
- 1 Electric Washing Machine
- 1 "Underwood" Typewriter 24"
- 1 Cooking Stove
- 1 Exhaust Fan
- 1 Adding Machine
- 1 "Agfa" Projector 16 mm.

On View from Thursday, the 19th December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators and Others

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Monday, the 23rd December, 1940
commencing at 10 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205, Second Floor.

A SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC APPARATUS, DAKIN PATENT MEDICINE AND SUNDRIES

comprising:—

- 1 B and L (Micro Photographic) Apparatus
- 1 Switchboard
- 1 Imprinter Machine
- 1 Heating Apparatus
- 1 Stand for Theodolite
- 1 Diathermy Machine

Samsons Electric Combination Sandwich Toasters and Waffle Makers, Electric Coffee Makers, Electric Cookers, Electric Hot Pads, Dakins Cod Liver Oil, Chemical Food, Carlsbad Salt, Halibut Oil, Tooth Brushes, Typhoon Lamps, etc., etc.

also

A Quantity of Glass Dressing Syringes, Urethral Syringes, Eye Baths, Beakers, Drop Bottles and Empty Ampoules

and

1 Rheimetal Portable Typewriter (almost new).

On View from Saturday, the 21st December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

\$1,050,600,000 Worth Of Productions In 1940

The total industrial and mining productions in Free China in the year 1940 amounted to \$1,050,600,000, according to Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs.

Of this amount, productions of private-owned industries occupied \$255,600,000 which included \$42,600,000 from metallurgical industry, \$21,700,000 from mechanical industry, \$11,800,000 from electrical industry, \$21,300,000 from chemical industry, \$119,300,000 from textile industry, and \$38,900,000 from provisions industry.

Productions of Government-operated factories amounted to \$55,000,000, while mineral output totalled \$740,000,000 including \$370,000,000 from gold, iron, and coal and \$370,000,000 from tungsten, antimony, quick silver and copper.

Altogether 448 factories have been moved into the interior from the coastal regions. They are distributed as follows: Szechwan, 254; Hunan, 121; Shensi, 27; Kwangsi, 23; and other provinces, 23.

With the removal of the factories, 12,000 skilled labourers and 120,000 tons of machines worth \$360,000,000 have been transported inland from the coastal provinces. Of the machines removed, 70,000 tons were transported with the financial aid of the Government, while the remaining 50,000 tons were handled by the merchants themselves.

2,000 WATT GENERATOR

Most of the factories and mines are operated by the Government. One of the largest is the Central Machines Factory, which is provided with a 2,000 watt generator. Others include a electrical appliances factory, a metal refining

plant, an alcohol distillery, a vegetable oil refinery and a chemical products factory.

According to Dr. Wong, the copper mines in Szechwan, Sikong and Yunnan are now being exploited. A company capitalised at \$50,000,000 has been organised specially for the exploitation of the tin mines in Yunnan. Meanwhile, plans for opening the tin mines in Hunan and Kwangsi are being drawn up. Most coal mines in Free China are being developed by the Government.

To facilitate the development of the natural resources, several new railroads have been constructed in Kwangsi and Hunan and 12 new power plants established.

Indicative of the rapid progress of Chinese industries, all paper-making machines in Szechwan were made by Chinese factories. Two paper mills have already started operation while two more will commence production next spring.

Altogether 200,000 spindles have been purchased by cotton mills in Free China. Of the number, 160,000 are already in operation in Szechwan. (Central News).

A WHOLE LIBRARY IN A TRUNK

Tiny print, and a machine with which to read it, can give us the world's literature at five cents a volume.

Folded in my wallet, where it occupied less space than my automobile licence, is a 200-page book—a single sheet of paper, on each side of which have been printed 100 pages in type too tiny for human eyes.

This miniature book is not a curiosity of craftsmanship, nor an example of microfilm, the photographic method now used for compressing bulky records.

Here is a new process, originated by a New York publisher, Albert Boni, which can, at small cost, eventually place the contents of whole libraries in the average reader's home. Will Durant has called it "the greatest advance in printing since Gutenberg," writes Marvin Lowenthal in the Saturday Review of Literature.

Boni's "microprint" is a revolutionary step forward because the minute facsimiles are for the first time actually printed, on ordinary paper, and can therefore be turned out in quantity at a surprisingly low price. He has also developed a magnifying projector, the "Reader," by which they can be quickly and easily read.

ROWS OF RECTANGLES

On a sheet of microprint appear rows of indecipherable rectangles, three quarters of an inch long by half an inch wide, each representing one page of a full-sized book. Into a four-page leaflet of microprint can be compressed a volume. A sheet of leaflets no bigger than the novel you slip into your pocket, will contain the equivalent of a large trunkful of reading matter. The contents of a good-sized public library will fit into an alcove bookcase.

Pull out a narrow drawer in the bottom of the Reader (which looks like a large typewriter case), insert the small sheet of microprint, and turn on a light inside the machine. Onto a transparent plastic there flashes a rectangle of text.

Turn the dial, and there comes into sharp focus a page from the book in the drawer, magnified to the size of ordinary type. With a flick of the wrist, you can move from page to page, or skip pages ten at a time, forward or backward.

TWO-INCH ENCYCLOPAEDIA

The Reader, at about \$150, is the most expensive item for the possessor of a microprint library, but quantity production is expected soon to reduce its price. Owners of a Reader will pay a mere five cents apiece for microprint "books."

An encyclopaedia such as the Britannica with its two dozen volumes and 27,000 pages, could be reduced to a book two inches thick. Boni plans, as much, his first venture, a library of 1000 unabridged classics—all for the price of 20 current novels. These books will shortly be on the market.

Eventually the book-lover can have thousands of the world's masterpieces, expensive dictionaries and encyclopaedias, on his own shelves. The doctor or lawyer or engineer will have only to cross his own room for access to great law or scientific libraries, files of professional journals. The scholar or expert can possess cheap, easily read facsimiles of the rarest works in his field.

EVERYTHING CLICKED

Communities, of course, will reap tremendous benefits. The entire contents of the New York Public Library, four million volumes, could be shelved on stacks in a 25 by 30-foot room. Libraries now the boast of Oxford or Harvard, containing the sum of human knowledge, may be made available to the inhabitants of every prairie town.

Behind the development of microprint lies a story of faith, persistent research, and chance. Albert Boni is neither a printer nor a professional inventor. Ignorant of photography and optics, he had to learn everything from scratch.

Model after model was built, found wanting, and discarded. Five years were consumed in trials, false clues, and dead ends. Then Boni was handed the solution on a silver platter. Independently of his efforts, the electrical industry produced a lamp which answered the peculiar needs of his machine.

At last everything clicked. Today microprint is a reality.

Control Of Prices

"Should Be Continued After War"

The view that price control in Australia, if it continues to prove as beneficial and successful in the future as it has proved during the past year, should be continued after the war, was expressed by Professor L. F. Giblin, formerly professor of economics at Melbourne University and now chairman of the Commonwealth Government's Economic and Financial Advisory Committee. He was speaking at a meeting of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand.

He pointed out that control measures were dropped after the last war with some very bad results.

Price control had met with almost universal approval and had been doing an extraordinarily good job.

There is a kind of tradition of profiteering in wartime which makes people afraid of increases in prices, he added. "These increases occur in peacetime also, however, and price control might profitably be continued after the war ends."

ANOTHER TENDENCY

"Another tendency in wartime which has a nasty reputation is inflation. Though inflation has the disadvantage of reducing the value of savings, it does ensure employment, which is a good thing, and it would pay us not to oppose inflation should England decide on controlled inflation, provided always that wages and prices are kept closely related."

"This type of inflation would not assist the war effort, however, for only when prices rise more rapidly than costs, including wages are greater profits possible and therefore greater fields of taxation available to the Government."

"Should there be inflation it would need an enormous effort to keep it strictly under control."

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HAMPERS

NO. 4 HAMPER

- 1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne
- 1 " Black & White Whisky
- 1 " Gordon's Dry Gin
- 1 " Courvoisier Three Star Brandy
- 1 " Hunt's Old Brown Sherry
- 1 " Hunt's Full Rich Port
- 1 " Pommard Burgundy
- 1 " Sauterne White Wine
- 1 " Gordon's Sice Gin
- 1 pint Gordon's Creme de Menthe

—\$55.00

NO. 5 HAMPER

- 1 quart V. C. P. Champagne
- 1 " Black & White Whisky
- 1 " Gordon's Dry Gin
- 1 " Courvoisier V. O. Brandy
- 1 " Sandeman Brown Bang Sherry
- 1 " Sandeman Partner Port
- 1 " Sauterne White Wine
- 1 " Pommard Burgundy
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LEASING OF WAR SUPPLIES TO U.K.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—

President Roosevelt's plan for leasing war supplies to Britain is estimated by experts as likely to involve about \$2,500,000,000 worth of aircraft, tanks, ships, etc.

This estimate is conveyed in a message from the Washington correspondent of the New York Post, which also states that this would be additional to the \$2,000,000,000 worth of equipment already on order.

S.A. Moves Against Fifth Columnists

PRETORIA, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—

Measures against fifth column activity in South Africa were announced by the Minister of Native Affairs yesterday.

(The Government has ordered the removal to other areas of 400 German missionaries who entered the South African native reserves after 1935 because some of the missionaries are carrying on subversive propaganda.)

PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

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HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WANTED.

HOUSES AND APARTMENTS TO BE LET.
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Announcements not exceeding 25 Words are inserted under this heading at a Pre-paid Rate of \$1.50 for THREE INSERTIONS. If Charges collected, \$2.00.

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WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles, Jade, diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co. Room 621, China Building, 6th floor.

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WE OFFER HIGH PRICES for any amount of gold articles, diamonds, silver, etc. No holidays. Apply China Building, 7th floor, Tel. 30777. Eurasia Gold Refining Co.

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Why not learn all the Fancy latest stitches for your dresses and sweaters?
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Wool and model desired to be supplied by customer. Send particulars of address, etc., to Box 502, H.K.D.P.

THE "WE" have an outstanding assortment of latest American dresses for all occasions and price to suit all purses. Call at "Vanity Shop" (Lazarus) Pedder Street.

Experienced Book-keeper Wants Students to form a class. Guarantee students to keep a whole set of books after completion of a course of 6 months. For Term and Particulars. Please Apply to:—Box No. 483 c/o H.K.D.P.

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DAILY PRESS

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 19, 1940.

On London:—	Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8	Credits 4 months sight
On Shanghai:—	On demand 3/8 5/8
On Singapore:—	On demand 53 3/4
On Japan:—	On demand 103 1/2
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
On New York:—	Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/8	On demand 43 3/4
On Paris:—	Bank Bills, on demand 100
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	On demand 101 1/2
On Hong Kong:—	On demand 46 3/4
On Bangkok:—	On demand 119
On Sterilized Notes:—	Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	92 15/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Dec. 19.

Silver prices were not quoted this morning. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 1/16 for Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 408 1/2. Business was arranged at various rates. At the close sellers were quoted at 409 1/4 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 1/2 for Spot and closed with sellers at 3 1/4 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 1/2 for Spot and closed at 5 1/4 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Some business was done in the afternoon at 23 1/16 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 23 1/16, buyers at 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 408 1/2 for Spot and at the close sellers were quoted at 410 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Easy. Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 1/4 for Spot and last rate indicated sellers at 3 3/8 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 5 1/4. Last advices indicated sellers at 5 1/2 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 19 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening
London	0/3-5/8
New York	5-11/16
Japan	24-1/8
India	20
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	24

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-21/32	0/3-39/64
Dec.	0/3-21/32	0/3-39/64
Jan.	0/3-41/64	0/3-19/32

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	Dec.	Jan.
Spot	55-25/32	55-23/32	
Dec.	55-25/32	55-23/32	
Jan.	5-3/4	5-11/16	

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 21 per cent.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous Close	Dec. 18 Close	Change
S P O T	38-1/8	38-1/8	unch.
JAN-MARCH	37-7/8	37-7/8	
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2	36-1/2	

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change
S P O T	11-15/16		
JANUARY	12		
FEBRUARY	12-1/8	Unreceived	
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/4		
JULY-SEPT.	12-3/16		

COMMODITIES: Cotton; Washington uncertainties continue check activities but market should do better when Spring buying develops. Grain; Prefer purchases on reactions; Rubber; Stagnant but would rather be long.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 130.53; Today's close, 129.42; Change, off 1.11.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.22	10.13	10.18	10.14	02 off
New York Rubber, March	20.25	20.20	20.25	20.23	02 off
Chicago Wheat, May	84 1/2	83 1/2	84	84	unch.
Chicago Corn, May	80 1/2	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	up
New York Hides, March	12.77	12.55	12.65	12.55	10 off

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	10.04 N	10.06/08	10.01 N	03 off
March	10.18/16	10.19/19	10.14/14	02 off
May	10.09/00	10.13/13	10.07/07	02 off
July	9.89/89	9.93/93	9.85/88	04 off
October	9.32 N	9.38/38	9.31/32	01 off
December	9.28 N	9.31/33a	9.27a	01 off
Spot	10.16 N		10.14 N	02 off

Total sales Tuesday—82,100 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	20.41b/45a	20.40b/48a	20.40b	01 off
March	20.25b	20.20b/27a	20/23b	02 off
May	20.00/00	20.00b/25a	20.00b	unch.
July (New contract)	19.84b	19.70b/90a	19.84b	unch.

Total sales—800 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	84 1/8	84 1/8	84 1/8	unch.
July	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	1 up

Tuesday's sales—10,099,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	59 1/2	60/60 1/2	60 1/2	1 up
July	59 1/2	60/60	60/60 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	12.65/65	12.65b/73a	12.55/55	10 off
June	12.43	12.50b/54a	12.35b	08 off

Total sales for the day—82 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
34-3/4				
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2				

TIENTSIN TAXES TO BE RAISED

Proposals Tabled At Meeting Of Council

TIENTSIN, Dec. 19 (Reuters).—Embarking on the new year with overdrafts totalling large sums and faced with increased staff salaries and higher costs of coal and all imported materials, the British Municipal Council is casting about for ways and means to boost the revenue.

Yesterday at an extraordinary meeting of electors, the Chairman of the Council, Mr. James Turner, tabled five resolutions designed to yield \$917,000:

- (1) Increases in existing land taxes, water and electricity rates;
- (2) Introduction of an entertainment tax;
- (3) Police tax of 3 per cent. assessed in the rental value of all occupied premises;
- (4) Revision of the method of collecting land and rental assessment taxes;
- (5) Collection of all accounts in local dollars at the highest value when payment is tendered.

All five resolutions were passed.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuters).—In the Stock Exchange yesterday Oil shares continued to attract interest, the outstanding feature being the rise of Anglo-Egyptians from 47s. 8d. to 52s. 6d. on good buying orders. The markets otherwise experienced a quiet day and prices often drifted lower for want of fresh support.

Industrials were irregular and Foreign Bonds were neglected but the previous levels were well maintained. Indian Loans hardened and 'Raffles' met a little Cape offering. Coppers, however, were again supported.

Wall Street was irregularly high.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Only small parcels of shares changed hands as the firmness of the market continues, buyers predominating.

BUYERS	
Canton Ins., \$190.	
Union Ins., \$397.50.	
Wharves, \$92.	
Docks (O), \$18.20.	
Docks (N), \$17.60.	
Providence, \$5.60.	
Hotels, \$3.50.	
Trams, \$17.65.	
Star Ferries, \$81.	
Lights (O), C.D. \$7.45.	
Lights (N), C.D. \$7.15.	
Ropes, \$7.05.	
Dairy Farms, \$19.15.	
Watsons, \$10.50.	
Entertainments, \$7.	
Constructions (O), \$1.60.	
SELLERS	
Lights (O), C.D. \$7.50.	
Electricity (O), \$40.30.	
Telephones (N), \$11.50.	
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.	
SALES	
H.K. Banks, \$1370.	
Union Ins., \$397 1/2/400.	
Docks (O), \$18.25/50.	
Docks (N), \$17.75.	
Providence, \$5.85.	
Lights (O), C.D. \$7.50.	
Lights (N), C.D. \$7.15.	
Telephones (O), \$25.75.	

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Dec. 19, 1940.

SALES	
China Lights (O)	100 \$ 7.50
China Lights (N)	300 7.20
Cements	1,000 18.40
H.K. Docks (O)	300 18.45
H.K. Docks (N)	300 18.40
H.K. Hotels	500 3.60
H.K. Telephones (O)	500 25.75
Yanmatt Ferries	100 24.30
Union Ins.	5 400.00
	3.705
The total value is	\$32,495.00.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 19, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	54	Loew's Inc.	33 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	17 1/2
Allis Chalmers	34 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	74	Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2
Amer. Can.	86 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25
American Cyanamid Co.	35	Montgomery Ward	36 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	15	Mt. Airy Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	18	National Aviation	10
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	National Lead	17
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Amer. Waterworks	67	N. American Aviation	16 1/2
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Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	43 1/2
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Industrials	22.67	22.15	22.67	23 off
Rails	38.45	38.03	38.45	13 off
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HARBOUR OFFICE NOTICE**KEPPEL HARBOUR**

The following Notice to Mariners (No. 237/1940) has been issued by the Harbour Office with regard to Keppel Harbour at Singapore. Obstruction, Navigation Channels, Buoys Established and Direction.

ENTRANCES

Position—Eastern Entrance to Keppel Harbour between No. 18 Beacon and the eastern extremity of East Wharf.

Details.—Obstruction laid.

Directions (1) (a) The eastern entrance to Keppel Harbour is between the following two positions:

"A" 162 degrees distant 450 feet from the southeastern corner of East Wharf, and marked by a Black cylindrical buoy, "B" 238 degrees distant 600 feet from position "A", and marked by three Black cylindrical buoys.

Note.—A Black cylindrical buoy has also been laid in position, 685 degrees distant 600 feet from position "A".

(b) No vessels are to use this entrance to Keppel Harbour during weather of low visibility or whilst the arms of the semaphore on East Wharf are raised to form a "Y".

Note.—Attention is drawn to the Notice Boards on East Wharf.

SELAT SANGKIR

(2) The Eastern entrance to Selat Sangkir is southwards of three Black cylindrical buoys laid in position 175 degrees distant 450 feet from No. 18 Beacon.

Remarks.—(a) Speed must be reduced to a minimum consistent with safety when navigating in the vicinity of these Entrances, and vessels approaching Keppel Harbour from the Eastwards must see that the channels are clear before entering.

(b) Neither of the above entrances are lighted.

LIGHT RE-ESTABLISHED

Position.—Lay 1 degree 15.45 minutes N., long. 103 deg. 50.45" E. (Approx.)

Details.—The Red Flashing Light on the end of the sunken hulks has been re-established.

PROHIBITED ANCHORAGE

Position.—An area bounded on the west by a line running 034 degrees from No. 18 Beacon to East Wharf.

Details.—Anchoring is prohibited in the area except in case of emergency.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Approaching or Leaving Singapore

(a) All vessels are warned that when approaching or leaving Singapore from the east, they must keep southwards of the line joining Johore Shoal buoy—south point of Pulo Sakelang Benders—Raffles Light.

(b) Vessels approaching or leaving Singapore from the West must keep southwards of a line joining Tanglang Pias—Sultan Shoal—No. 2 Beacon.

(c) The entrance to the Examination Anchorage is through Selat Sinki and all outer entrances are prohibited and dangerous owing to defensive minefields.

Chart Affected—No. 2023. Authority—Naval Authorities.

The Notice (237/1940) cancels the following earlier notices:—188/1940 of 12 Sept.; 202/1940 of 28 Oct.; 214/1940 of 18 Nov., and 223/1940 of 28 Nov.

Passengers**Departures For Singapore**

Passengers for Singapore by a Dutch liner which left yesterday were Mrs. E. M. Arbenz, Mr. R. Bonnot, Capt. R. P. Bridge, Mr. W. J. Carlie, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goode, Mr. C. S. Kinder, Mr. L. R. MacHale, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. K. Marshall, Brig. A. B. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Watkins and Mr. Stanley Weston.

The following passengers arrived in the Colony yesterday by the Nitta Maru:—

Mr. J. D. Collis, Mr. L. C. Hamilton, Mr. T. Yamada, Mr. Z. Hara, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hattori, Mr. A. H. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. V. Ribeiro, Mrs. M. Ribeiro, Miss M. Ribeiro, Messrs. Ribeiro, Mr. F. Yaptinchay and Mr. K. Suzuki.

DEPARTURES

The following left Hongkong by the Nitta Maru:—

Mr. G. E. J. Bonvard, Mr. W. D. Brewer, Mr. F. Chang, Mr. W. D. Chatterlain, Mr. H. Cheng, Mr. M. Chow, Mr. R. Cincio, Mr. A. Cuan, Mr. and Mrs. K. Endo, Mr. H. Enami, Mr. A. H. Enami, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Fieth, Mr. G. A. de Figueroa, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Franklin, Mr. C. Fritz, Mr. M. A. Guterres, Mr. R. Hattori, Mr. H. Hirakawa, Mr. R. Iwasa, Mr. J. M. Jibo, Mr. F. Juan, Mrs. M. Kitatu, Kin. Mr. M. Kozima, Miss I. Kurata, Mr. J. A. Lam, Mr. C. Leon, Mr. A. W. Long, Mr. W. R. B. McBain, Mrs. H. Imoto, Mr. S. Okado, Mr. K. Okuno, Mr. J. Pang, Mr. G. M. D. de Sercey, Miss N. T. Sponarowski, Mr. W. Sugimoto, Mr. D. R. Sukul, Mr. M. Takata, Mr. O. Takemoto, Mr. T. Tami, Mr. J. V. Walther, Mr. S. Yamauti, Mrs. M. Yoshil, Mr. S. Yoshikawa.

The Nitta Maru carried forty-five passengers in transit to Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following are the returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 18:—Cholera, one case; Enteric Fever, one case; Dysentery, two cases; Tuberculosis, 29 cases.

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BIG U.S.-MADE TRANSPORT PLANE FOR CHINA

Another big U.S.-made transport plane is being shipped to China on a steamer which arrived in Manila a few days ago, reports the Manila Bulletin.

Reportedly consigned to the China National Aviation Corporation, one of whose transport liners was destroyed recently by Japanese warplanes, the plane was unloaded onto Pier 7 Sunday afternoon.

THE MARKINGS

Markings on the plane show that it is covered by department of state license No. 2517 and packed by Lyon Van and Storage company of Glendale, Calif. It is in a dismantled state, the parts contained in heavily reinforced crates. Besides a large crate containing the body, there are two other crates, one 27 by 9 by 4 feet and the other 10 by 8 by 30 feet.

Markings on the crates show that destination of the shipment is apparently Manila, but it is believed that this plane, like the other transport liner that was unloaded here two weeks ago, will be reloaded probably on the same vessel which brought it here and then taken on to China.

U.S. \$50,000 Pledged By Portland Chinese

A total of U.S.\$50,000 has been pledged by the Chinese in Portland, U.S.A., in support of the Chinese Airplane Fund Campaign now in full swing in America, according to a report to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek from Mr. Chu Chao-tang, Chinese Consul in Portland.

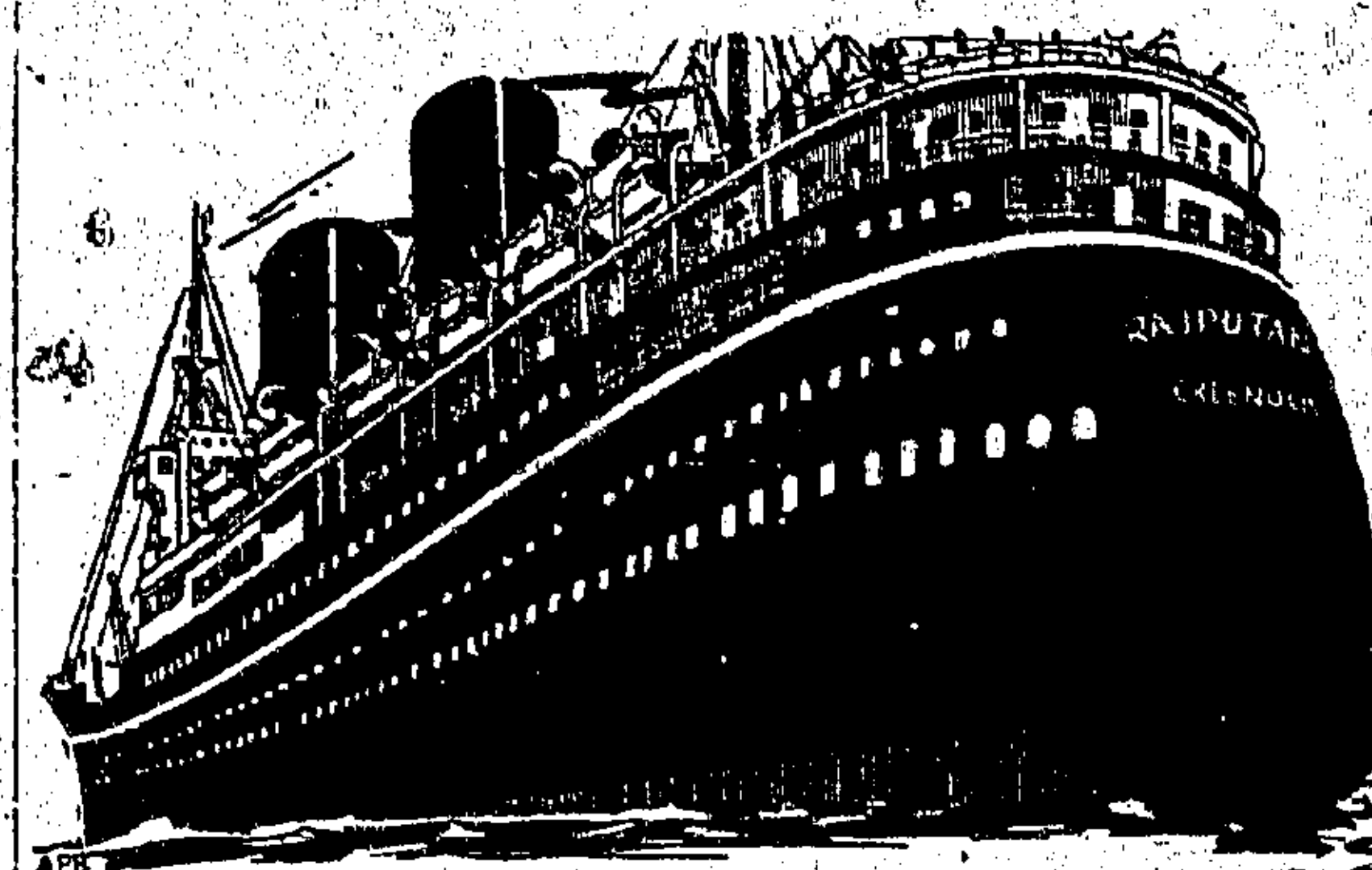
Of the amount pledged, U.S.\$20,000 has been collected and deposited in the San Francisco branch of the Bank of Canton.

The Generalissimo has cabled Mr. Chu asking the latter to convey his thanks to the Chinese there.—(Central News)

Another British Ship Torpedoed

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—According to the Mackay Radio the British Blue Star liner Napier Star, 12,000 tons, was torpedoed yesterday evening.

Her position was given as 58 degs. 58 minutes North and 23 degs. and 13 minutes West.

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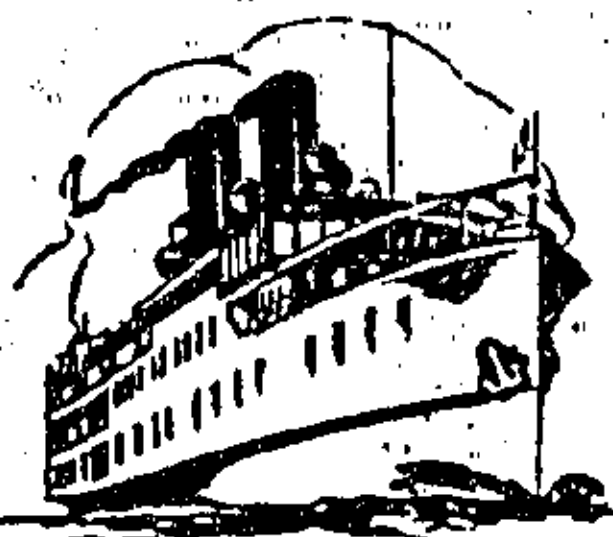
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PRETTY KOWLOON WEDDING

MR. LEW HOK AND
MISS I. YU

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon, when Miss Irene Yu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yu Him-cheong, of No. 314, Nathan Road, Kowloon, became the bride of Mr. Lew Hok, Hongkong University student, son of late Mr. Lew On-seng and Mrs. Lew, of No. 225, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The Rev. J. R. Higgs officiated at the ceremony and Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.I., was at the organ. The bride looked charming in a white French satin gown cut on princess lines with a V-neck and long light sleeves. Her tall veil was held in place with a silver sequin tiara instead of the conventional orange blossoms. She carried a sheaf of white gladioli and maiden hair fern.

Brides' Attendants

Miss Phyllis Hool attended the bride in a white French satin frock and carried a sheaf of pink gladioli and maiden hair fern and the two little Misses Yu Oi-ping and Yu Yee-shun were flower girls and wore pale pink satin gowns and carried baskets of pastel shades gladioli.

Masters Yu Ki-lock and Yu She-kin were page boys in black and white satin suits.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Martin Chan.

After the ceremony, friends and relatives gathered at the reception at Peninsula Hotel to congratulate the newly-weds.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES

Further Evidence
In Broker's Case

Hearing of the case in which Henry Chao, 37, broker, is charged with obtaining money by false pretences, was resumed before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Chao was alleged to have obtained \$14,000 from Wong Bor, proprietor and manager of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company at No. 22 Pottinger St., on July 19 by falsely pretending that it had been demanded by the Central Trust of China in connexion with a certain contract then being negotiated between the latter and the Central Trust.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. F. I. Zimmern was for the defence.

SUB-MANAGER TESTIFIES

Henry H. Lin, Sub-Manager of the Purchasing Department of Central Trust, who represented Central Trust in the negotiation of the contract in question with Wong, said, in evidence, that the contract was signed on July 19 on the explicit understanding mutually that the contract was subject to confirmation from the Chungking Government, and that was the reason why the contract was not delivered to the seller after signatures of both parties were affixed.

Hearing was adjourned to Dec. 23, at 2.30 p.m.

A Chinese Government mandate appointing Mr. Chang Ching-yi as the new director of the National Tax Administration of the Ministry of Finance was issued in Chungking by the Chinese National Government recently.

Britain Is Still Main Theatre Of War

Continued from Page 6.

not enjoy it, the last war. These advantages are the measure of our problems.

"But we too have our advantages. We have taken early steps to control consumption at home and we have put counter-measures into force and we have, in the R.A.F., an answer to him. From this we can draw a reasonable assurance that this attack on us will fall as before and that in the long-drawn-out battle, of the blockade we can hold out.

FOOD SUPPLIES

Sir Frederick then went on to speak of the food supplies in the countries under Nazi control. Most of those countries, he said, had been normally self-supporting in the matter of foodstuffs. Some had to import large quantities of wheat and others used to get their supplies of margarine and oil from overseas. But they could have fed themselves if they had been left alone.

"So when we say that we can hold out and that our blockade will produce the food we want, we mean that Herr Hitler's Germany and his other occupied territories had blockaded themselves before the blockade began to show its effect, for you must remember that the German policy of guns before butter diverted the food of the workers to the armament factories," said Sir Frederick.

"It was Herr Hitler's sheer necessity that made him do this. It was in his interest to make his so-called New Order as attractive as possible for those who want to live under it. But he is in a real dilemma—a conflict between a short term policy and a long term policy. By a short term policy he had to prepare for a war by rapacious means—by a long term policy the power of his plundered people were necessary for the success of his New Order.

VARYING POLICY

"As time goes on, these two policies became more and more incompatible. It is only in those countries where German rule attempts some treatment or moderate treatment that the two can be reconciled at all. Take a glance at the contrast in the treatment of the Poles and the Norwegians and you will see why Nazi policy must vary from country to country. In Norway the treatment is most lenient and in Poland most brutal.

"Germany needs Norwegian fish and you cannot appeal to fishermen to get fish if they don't want to. That is the reason why he has shown a more moderate policy in Norway, while he is using every means in his power to reduce Polish nationality to what Nazi jargon describes as the 'lower race.'

"Other countries," went on Sir Frederick, "are treated with varying degrees of harshness. All this has a bearing on the effect of our blockade of these territories. Those in London, whose duty it is to find out what is going on in these territories and to estimate what the result is likely to be, are coming to the conclusion that Herr Hitler's dilemma will be his undoing.

"Either he must relax and allow the distribution of food to take its normal course or he must gamble on the war being short before his harsh policy will lead to open revolt. We know that the war is not going to be short and we also know that Herr Hitler dare not relax his control and, therefore, he is in the grip of a fate of his own making from which he cannot escape.

NOT A NAPOLEON

"But where commentators have gone wrong is in supposing that one severe winter will be enough to destroy him. Some of them point out that General January and General February defeated Napoleon in Russia and the same fate will be served him. There is no comparison with Napoleon and Herr Hitler now."

Sir Frederick concluded with a few words on the Christmas season and the fine spirit being shown by Londoners not to forget Christmas. The Post Office had made up its minds that there will be heaps of cards and parcels to be dealt with and Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, was doing his best to see that they could get the Christmas turkey at a reasonable price.

"There was one thing," he said, which they would all remember about this Christmas, and that was that everyone had come closer together—the spirit of mutual help had made them all forget that they are strangers to each other.

Preparedness For Women Is Urged

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2—University women should prepare themselves so they will be ready to take over positions held by men in the event of a wartime emergency, Dr. J. P. Watson, director of the University of Pittsburgh bureau of business research, advises.

Dr. Watson, inaugurating a campaign sponsored by the Pitt Women's Self-Government Association "to make university women conscious of their work in the national defense programme," urged the co-eds to give serious thought to their role should the United States go to war.

SPECIALIZED FIELDS

Greatest opportunity for women, he said, will lay in specialized fields of technical employment.

"To prepare for this eventually, college women must begin taking courses that are customarily male-dominated," Dr. Watson added. "Whether or not a woman can hang on to her job depends upon the woman herself and the job she selects," he explained. "If she proves she is as good as or better than a man, she would probably be retained."

H.K.C.C. TEAM TO MEET K.C.C.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 1st XI against the K.C.C. at Chater Road, tomorrow at 2 p.m.—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), L. H. Rids, M. F. Haymes, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, Capt. D. C. E. Grose, J. Hiley, W. J. Pinnle, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, C. W. E. Bishop.

CHESS RESULTS

K. M. A. Barrett beat W. Lee and D. E. de Carvalho beat M. W. Olanoff in the School Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club last night.

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONCERT FOR THE POOR

The University Christian Association, will be giving their 13th Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 9 p.m. in the Great Hall, and to this they extend a cordial welcome to all members of the public.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will honour the occasion with his presence.

The programme, as before, will include both Community Singing, in which all present are invited to join, and also Carols rendered by the Association's choir under Rupert Baldwin, who for over 10 years, has been Honorary Conductor. At the piano will be Miss Caroline Braga.

The Choir is made up chiefly of undergraduates, together with some friends from outside like J. R. M. Smith and Y. K. Sze, and several of the Colony's alums. Admission to the concert is free. At the close of the Concert a collection will be taken, and the proceeds equally divided between the Society for the Protection of Children, the Hongkong School for the Deaf and the Street Sleepers Shelter Society.

It is hoped that this Christmas the community will give liberally to our poor.

R.A.F. LOSE AT CRICKET

A combined team from 35th and 20th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat the Royal Air Force by seven wickets in a friendly cricket match played at Sookumpoo on Wednesday.

R.A.F. 90 for 7 wickets. (Goodwin 28, Richardson 21, Allanson 1 for 1). R.A. 138 (Parrell 27, Burrows 40).

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For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	Fri. 20th
	K.P.O.
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Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" Straits.	Reg. 9.00 AM
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	Reg. 11.45 AM
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	K.P.O.
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	G.P.O.
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SATURDAY	Sat. 21st
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Parcels 10.30 AM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	7.00 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 22nd
Canton	7.15 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 23rd
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels 10.30 AM
	Letters 11.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 9.00 PM
	Ord. 9.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa.	Reg. 9.00 PM
	Ord. 9.30 PM
	3.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 25th
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
	Par. 34th 5.00 PM
	Let. 25th 9.20 AM
THURSDAY	Thu. 26th
	K.P.O.
	Reg. Noon
	Ord. Noon
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. Noon
	Ord. 5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. Noon
	Ord. Noon
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. Noon
	Ord. 5.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 27th
Straits	8.30 AM
Sandakan	8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 28th
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	3.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 30th
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban.	8.30 PM
	Reg. 1.45 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 1.45 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Reg. 1.45 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM

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